

MEMO

To: Board Members
From: Elizabeth Wood, Chair of Clinical Governance Committee
Date: 20 June 2018
Subject: Clinical Governance Report

Status

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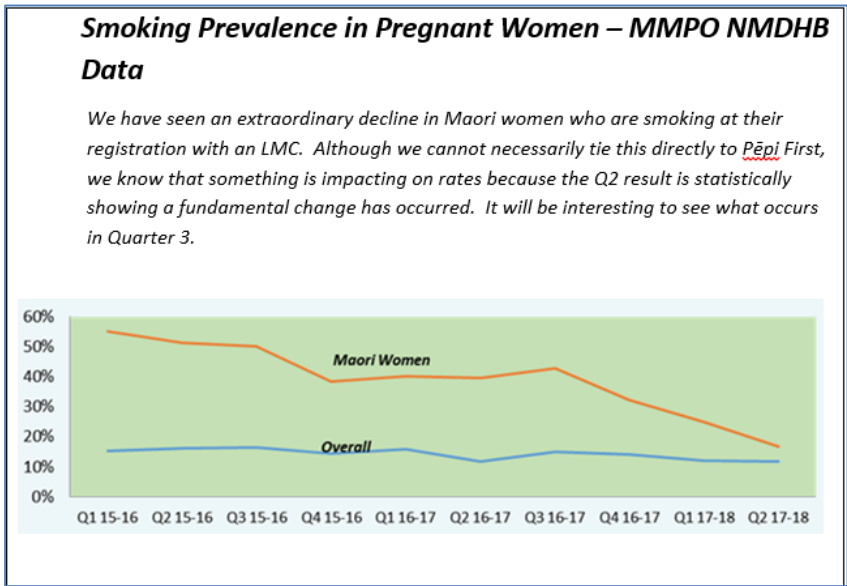
Key messages from Clinical Governance meeting held on 8 June 2018

DHB CGG approved:

- *Compassionate access to drugs policy and procedure* – This piece of work, undertaken by the Medication Safety Group, the specialist oncologists and pharmacists endorses our commitment to providing patients with access to ‘compassionate medication supplies’. These are medications not yet approved for use by Pharmac but extensively tested and often offering life extending treatment. The drugs are usually already approved in other countries and they are offered for use in New Zealand by drug companies for free. Although the drugs themselves are free, there are additional costs for their provision that has to be met by our Nelson Marlborough Health System. The procedure lays out an ethical process for these medicines, gives the Medication Safety Group oversight, allows for planning and an appropriate consent process.
- *An allied health credentialing framework* – This document assists NMH to comply with the Ministry of Health (MOH) competency guidelines, and describes how this fits in with our overall departmental credentialing process. Increasingly the use of annual work plans provides confirmation of an individual’s competency and development plans which then allows departmental credentialing to focus more on the multi-disciplinary functioning, health and development of the departmental team.

DHB CGG endorsed:

- *The work of multiple organisations around reducing the rate of smoking in pregnant Maori women* – This is an incredible success story and reflects the changing culture around smoking, the impact of the Pēpi First team run by Public Health and Te Piki Oranga as well as everyone involved in supporting and caring for these women. The table has been taken from the quarterly update of the Maternity Quality & Safety Committee.



DHB CGG noted:

- *Flu season* – Continuing excellent work here and thank you to everyone who has been vaccinated and to the hard working vaccinators. The Minister of Health has set a target of 80% for healthcare worker vaccination. Doctors are still in the lead (70%), followed by allied health (excluding DSS) at 65%, nurses (63%) and healthcare assistants (61%).

It is important to remember that you can transmit the flu even without having any symptoms yourself so we have a responsibility to ensure that we are not the person to pass it onto our vulnerable patients.

Also we have an important role in helping our patients to make sure they receive the free vaccinations they are entitled to.

Elizabeth Wood
Clinical Director and Chair Clinical Governance Committee

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT THE BOARD RECEIVE THE CLINICAL GOVERNANCE REPORT.