

# Nurse Practitioners “20 years on”

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# Ngā mihi ki a koutou



# I ngā wā o mua

- translates as 'from the times of front', actually refers to the past.
- Māori world view is to look in front of us to the past for guidance as that is where we came from
- walking into the future facing the past supported and guided by our tūpuna (ancestors)

*acknowledging the past,  
in order to understand where we are today,  
which will ultimately inform our future*

## History in the making - 1998

Ministerial Taskforce. (1998). Report of the Ministerial Taskforce on Nursing: Releasing the potential of Nursing. Wellington: Ministry of Health.

Nurse Executives of New Zealand. (1998). Developing and supporting advanced practice roles: clinical nurse specialist, nurse practitioner. Wellington: Author.

Nursing Council of New Zealand. (1998). Framework, guidelines and competencies for post-registration nursing education. Wellington: Author.

## History in the making - 2001

- Centenary of 100 years of New Zealand nursing registration
- New Zealand Nursing Council. (2001). The Nurse Practitioner™ Responding to health needs in New Zealand. Wellington: New Zealand Nursing Council.
- Aotearoa, New Zealand's first Nurse Practitioner

# Deborah Harris

## Nurse Practitioner Neonatology



**New  
Zealand's  
first  
Nurse  
Practitioner  
(2001)**

# **Janet Maloney-Moni**

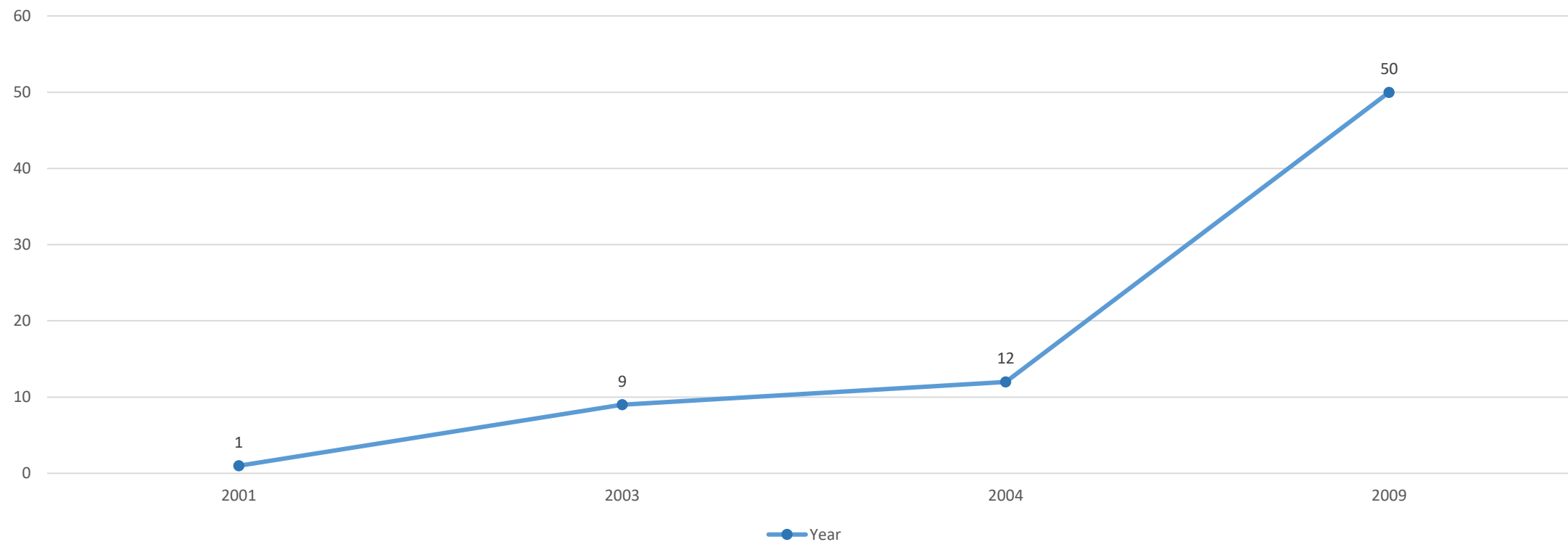
Nurse Practitioner: Primary Health Care Māori



**New  
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first  
Māori Nurse  
Practitioner,  
(2003)**

# The first ten years

Number of Nurse Practitioners over time





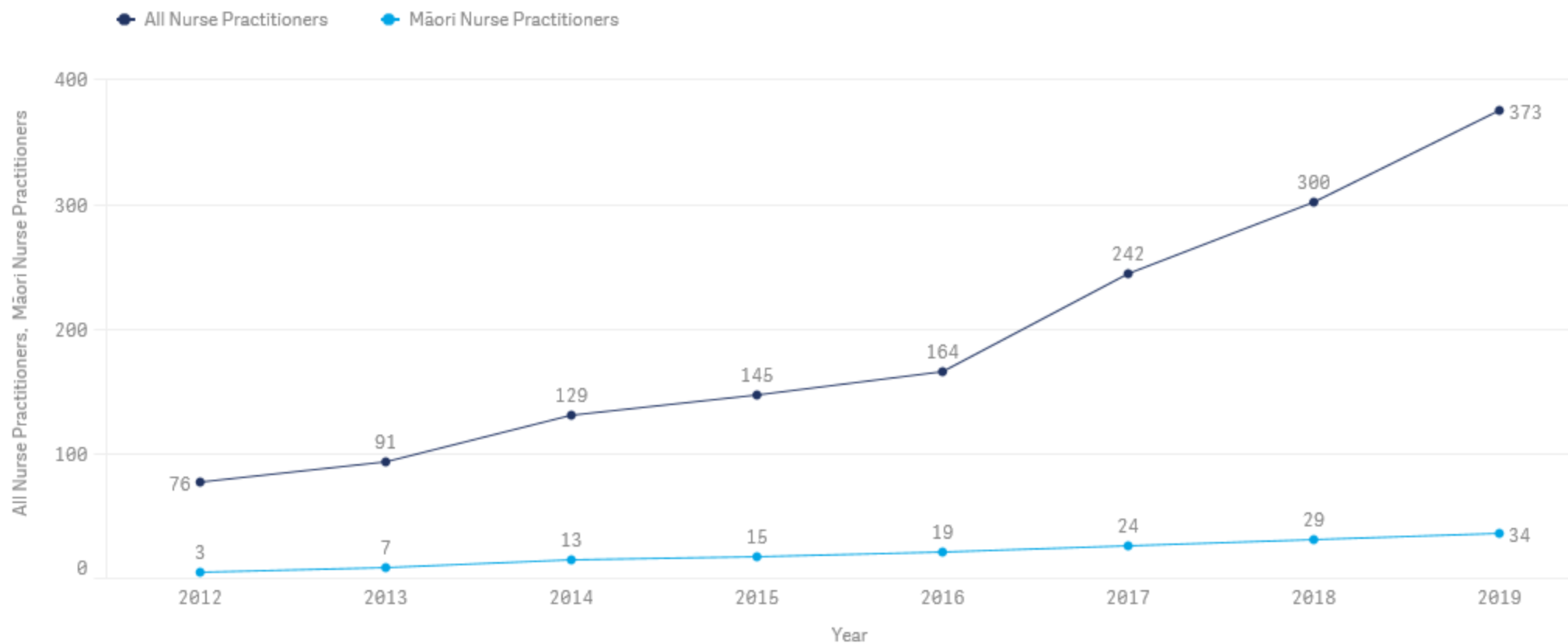
The first 50 New Zealand  
Nurse Practitioners

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| 1  | DEBORAH HARRIS ♦        | 26 | ALISON PIRRET ♦    |
| 2  | PAULA RENOUF            | 27 | KEN WYSOCKI        |
| 3  | MARK SMITH              | 28 | LIZ LANGER ♦       |
| 4  | JENNY PHILLIPS          | 29 | MICHAEL GERAGHTY ♦ |
| 5  | KAREN ANDERSON-HAWKE    | 30 | BRIGITTE LINDSAY   |
| 6  | BRONWYN JONES           | 31 | MAUREEN BENT       |
| 7  | MICHAL BOYD ♦           | 32 | LOU ROEBUCK ♦      |
| 8  | JANET MALONEY-MONI      | 33 | SHARON HANSEN      |
| 9  | JULIE BETTS             | 34 | JEFF SYMONDS       |
| 10 | HELEN SNELL ♦           | 35 | ANNE FITZWATER ♦   |
| 11 | BERNADETTE PORDE-PAUS ♦ | 36 | ANNETTE RIEF       |
| 12 | PIP RUTHERFORD          | 37 | MARGARET JOHNSTON  |
| 13 | BERNADETTE PAGE         | 38 | MARGARET COLLIGAN  |
| 14 | ADRIANNE MURRAY ♦       | 39 | MARINA LAMBERT     |
| 15 | ANA KENNEDY ♦           | 40 | CAROL SLIGHT ♦     |
| 16 | VICTORIA PERRY          | 41 | CLAIRE O'SULLIVAN  |
| 17 | TRISH WHITE ♦           | 42 | DIANE WILLIAMS     |
| 18 | GILL ALCORN             | 43 | JOANNE PATERSON    |
| 19 | JACKIE ROBINSON ♦       | 44 | TEENA ROBINSON     |
| 20 | JUDY LEADER ♦           | 45 | REBECCA ZONNEVELD  |
| 21 | HELEN TOPIA ♦           | 46 | JESSIE CRAWFORD    |
| 22 | LEE CARPENTER           | 47 | ROSEMARY MINTO     |
| 23 | MARY JANE GILMER ♦      | 48 | JANE POPE          |
| 24 | GEORGINA MCPHERSON ♦    | 49 | DIANE STEVENS      |
| 25 | DIANA HART ♦            | 50 | CAMILLE DAVIS ♦    |



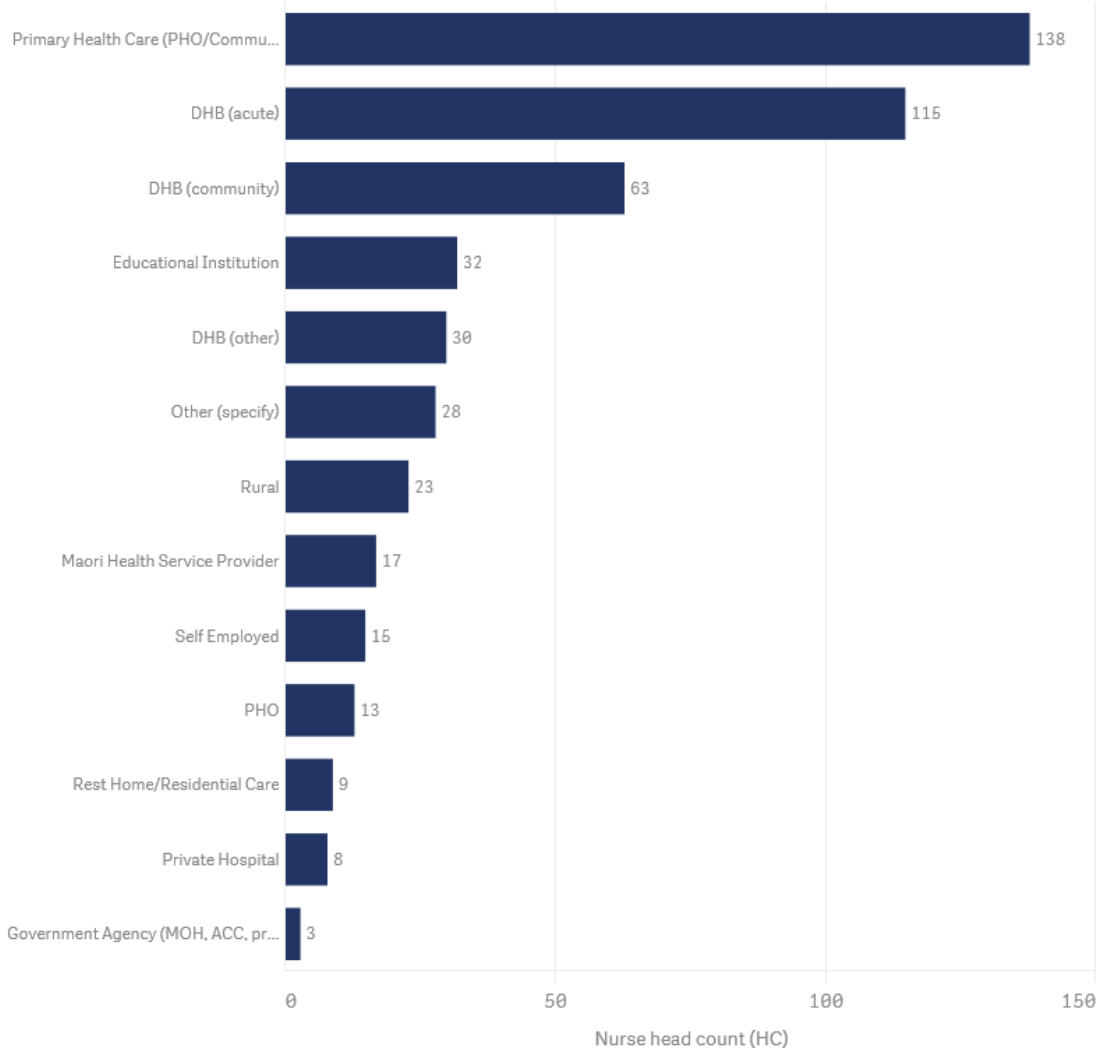
# Nurse Practitioner growth – 2010 to 2019

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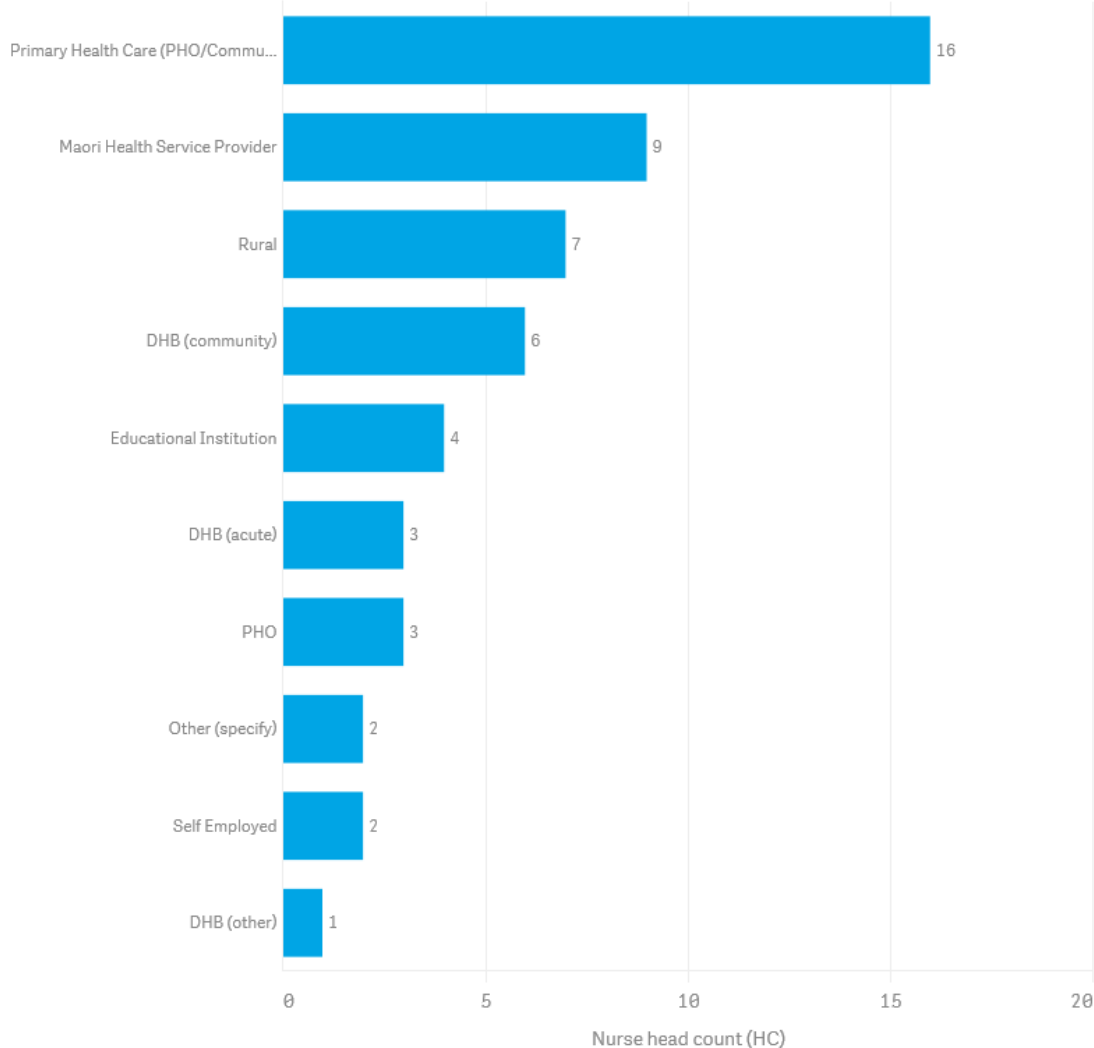


# Nurse Practitioners by employment setting

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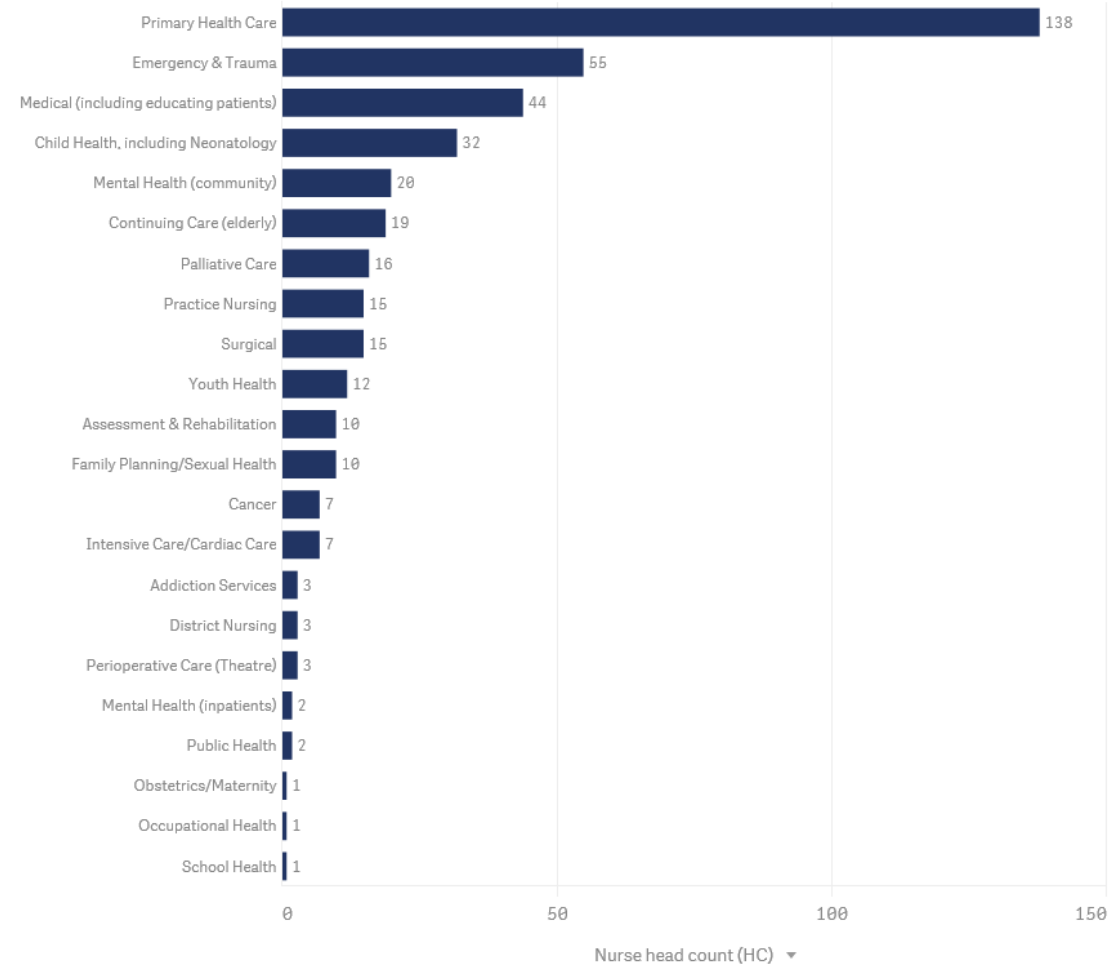


Māori Nurse Practitioners by employment setting

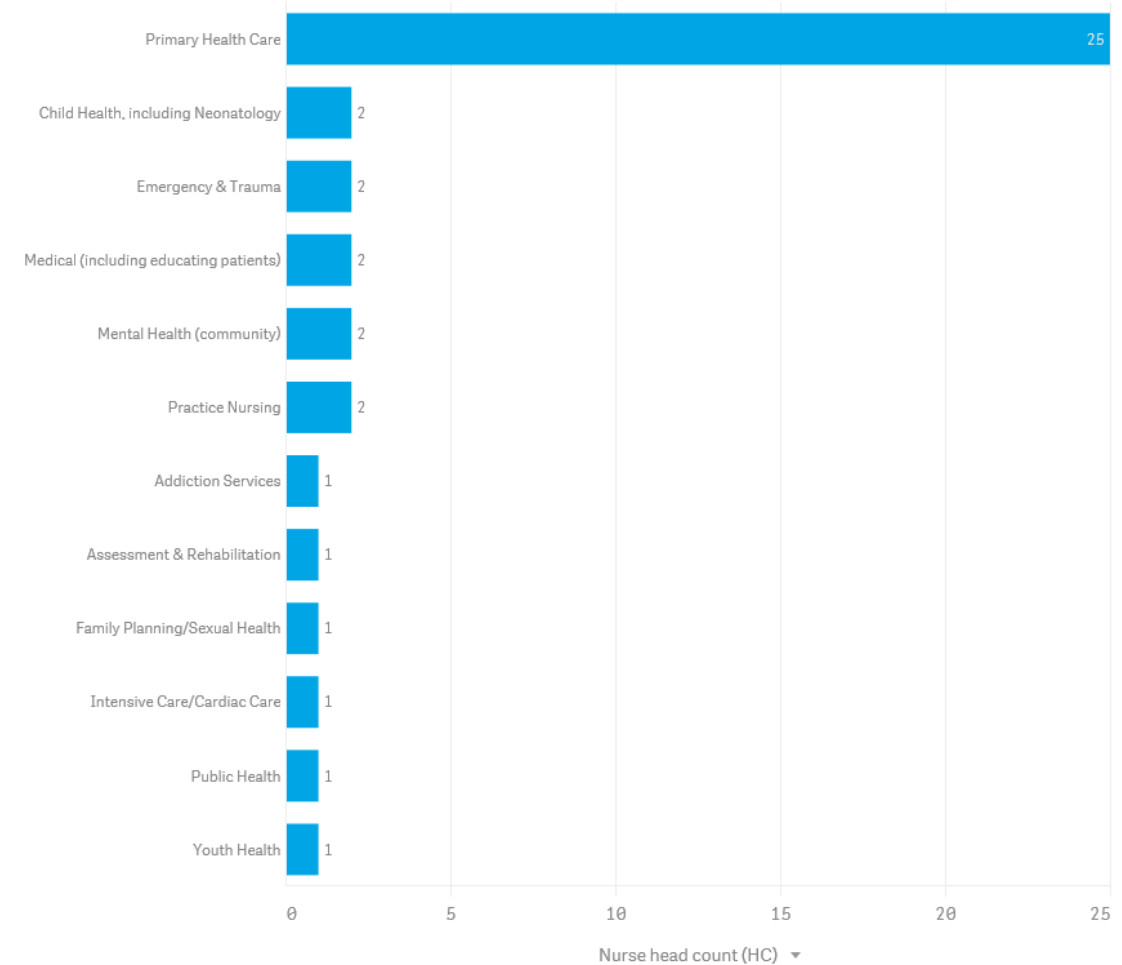


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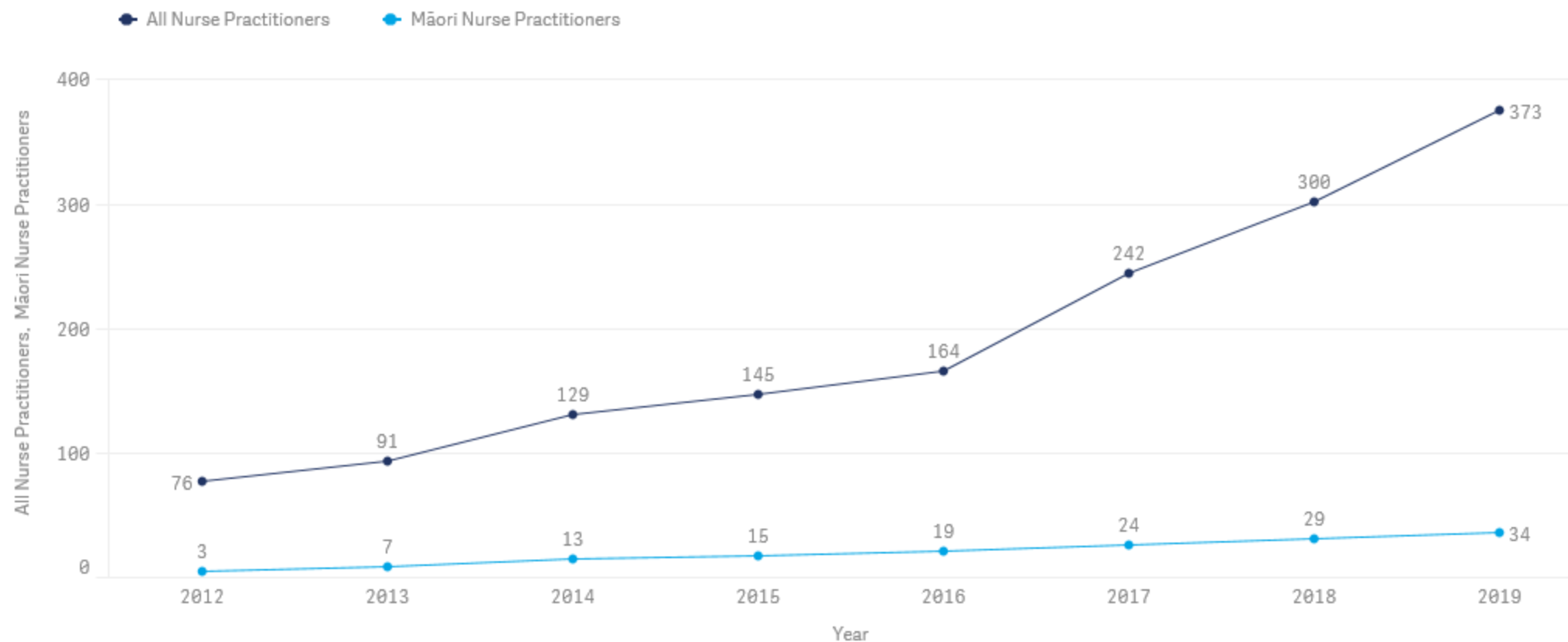


Māori Nurse Practitioners by practice setting



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# The impact of change

- energy and commitment from a range of people
- legislative changes including the health practitioner statutory references work
- other barriers
- education and training opportunities
- registration processes
- critical mass and evidence based practice

## **Legislative changes**

### **Medicines Amendment Act 2013 (enacted July 2014)**

Nurse practitioners have same legal prescribing authority as medical practitioners

### **Misuse of Drugs Regulations Amendment 2013**

Nurse practitioners have authority to prescribe controlled drugs under same conditions as medical practitioners

### **Medicines (Standing Order) Amendment Regulations 2016**

Nurse practitioners and optometrists can issue Standing Orders.

### **Social Security Act 2018**

Nurse Practitioners are able to provide medical information for a wider range of MSD services



# Health practitioner statutory references (HPSR) work

- Increased the range of tasks health practitioners can do
- Historic changes that will allow competent health practitioners to better use their skills for the benefit of people and the health workforce as a whole
- Aim to make health services more flexible and available when people need them
- Acknowledges and makes better use of advanced knowledge and skills in the health workforce.

<http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/legislation-and-regulation/changes-health-practitioner-status>



# Health practitioner statutory references (HPSR) work

Eight Acts have been amended

- Accident Compensation Amendment Act 2016
- Burial and Cremation Amendment Act 2016
- Children, Young Persons and Their Families Amendment Act 2016
- Holidays Amendment Act 2016
- Medicines Amendment Act 2016
- Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Amendment Act 2016)
- Misuse of Drugs Amendment Act 2016
- The Land Transport Amendment Act 2016

*"The changes to the Misuse of Drugs Act mean I can finally work to the full breadth of my scope and utilise my extensive experience, knowledge and extended skill set to prescribe for people with addictions"*

***Louise Leonard, Nurse Practitioner, Community Alcohol and Drug Service (CADS),  
Waikato DHB***

*"As a Nurse Practitioner working with children and young people, this change in legislation means that if a child is uplifted into statutory care by the Oranga Tamariki organisation, I can provide a comprehensive and sensitive health assessment within 7 days of them being uplifted. I am now able to fully utilise my skills."*

***Karen Hoare, Nurse Practitioner, Greenstone Family Clinic, Auckland***

## Other barriers removed....

- electronic authorisation for special authorities for Nurse Practitioners
- Nurse Practitioners can authorise mobility parking permits for disabled drivers/passengers
- Nurse Practitioners can access General Medical Subsidy (GMS) payments
- verification of life extinct – Nurse Practitioners can verify death

# Nurse Practitioner Training Programme (NPTP) Pilot

- 500 protected hours of clinical supervision, stream lined registration process, guarantee of employment
- Weighting towards mental health, primary care and aged care in candidate selection
- Evaluation Report (2018) released;

*NPTP graduates considered the programme was well organised and met their needs.*

*They rated the programme content and delivery more highly than NP graduates of other education pathways.*

*The NPs on the pilot programme gained registration as NPs quickly.*

# Changes to registration requirements

- Move from subspecialty or disease specific to broader population health focus
- Portfolio requirements
- Interview processes
- Mandatory prescribing

## **Ka whawhai tonu matou – struggle without end**

*while some system and attitudinal barriers still remain, and we continue to challenge negative discourse and dispel the myths, let the evidence speak for itself, maintain the focus on what is important to achieve equity and improve the health and wellbeing of our communities.*



"Kua tāwhiti kē tō haerenga mai, kia kore e haere tonu. He nui rawa o mahi, kia kore e mahi tonu."

"You have come too far not to go further, you have done too much not to do more"

Tā Himi Henare ( Sir James Henare ) Ngāti Hine elder & leader