

Key Messages from NNL geeing, 3 November 2021

RN Prescribing: Dr Jill Wilkinson (MoH in attendance) along with Cath Byrne from NCNZ briefed NNL on current issues with RN prescribing . They discussed the challenges of keeping abreast of rapid changes in medicines alongside the maintenance of a list of medicines agreed for prescription by RN prescribers.

Update HW Issues and Transition Team Engagement:

NNL was briefed by Jenny Carryer with the names of nurses who have joined advisory working groups to the Transition Unit.

NNL noted that the Acting DG of Health Workforce has resigned and Andrew Wilson will step into the role . NNL also noted that a significant number of nursing issues remain overdue for review and will be following that up with the Directorate.

Nursing Strategy: Ramai Lord (MOH) provided a further update on the development of the national nursing strategy. This document is near completion and provides a valuable national direction for nursing. All members endorsed the strategy and recognise their opportunity to ensure the strategy is disseminated throughout the profession and sector. A working group has been established to progress the finalisation of the document in preparation for its official launch. This will include a final round of consultation with key stakeholders, graphic design confirmation and an official launch.

Nursing Pipeline: Margaret Dotchin (DON rep) and Rebecca Kay provided an update on the nursing pipeline mahi. This is a significant and far reaching piece of work and NNL noted the complexity and comprehensiveness of this work to explore the multifaceted aspects of ensuring the recruitment , retention, effective deployment of the nursing workforce across multiple settings.

Chief Nurses Office (CNO) Update: Lorraine Heteraka joined us to provide us with the CNO update. There are 330 MIQ places designated for health care workers in response to the sectors workforce requirements. The CNO are supporting this process and assessing applications.

We noted the announcement of the establishment of the Disability Ministry to better support whānau living with disability through a whole of sector response.

Safe staffing – review group has been established and is working with the Minister of Health in the review of safe staffing and CCDM.

COVID Management In The Community: Jade Chase and To'a Fereti presented a Māori and Pacifica response for Caring for COVID 19 in the community. This programme facilitates a whānau ora and equity approach to the ongoing management of COVID19 within our communities. It highlighted the increasing disparities that have arisen as a result of the current strategies, and challenges for a model that is more responsive to our most vulnerable communities. Final work is underway with this and will be released soon.

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