Pam Doole, Manager Strategic Policy, NCNZ

Pam Doole has worked for the Council in a variety of roles. In her present role her strategic projects have included the review of the Code of Conduct and Proposals for Nurse Prescribing. Before joining the Council she was Director of Nursing at Hutt Valley District Health Board for six years and the Professional Development and Recognition Programme Coordinator for two years. She has also worked as a nurse in various clinical areas at Wellington Hospital. Pam has a Bachelor of Arts in History, a Diploma in Nursing and a Master of Philosophy (Nursing) (with Distinction).

Dr Dilky Rasiah, Deputy Medical Director, Pharmac

Dilky has been with PHARMAC for 15 years in various roles and is now Deputy Medical Director.

Dilky studied medicine at Otago, has a Master of Public Health and is studying towards her fellowship with the Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators. “It’s really important that doctors get involved in health administration, so we can influence decisions and contribute a medical perspective to decisions.”

Dilky was born in Sri Lanka, emigrating with her family to Wellington when she was a child; she’s now married and the mother of two boys.

Dr Chris Cameron, GP & Clinical Pharmacologist, Chair Medicines Committee

I am a General Physician and Clinical Pharmacologist at Wellington Hospital. I also teach Clinical Pharmacology to medical students. My main areas of interest are safe and rational prescribing, adverse drug reactions and drug interactions.

David Woods, Editorial Director, New Zealand Formulary

David Woods is a Pharmacist with extensive experience in medicines information, evidence based medicine, medicines safety and rational drug use. David provides consultancy services and teaches in these and other disciplines both nationally and internationally. David is currently Editorial Director of the New Zealand Formulary (NZF) and NZF for Children and a Senior Practice Fellow at the School of Pharmacy, University of Otago. He is a Fellow of the Pharmaceutical Society and the NZ Hospital Pharmacists’ Association.
Dr Susan Kenyon, Principal Technical Specialist, Medsafe

Susan graduated from the School of Pharmacy, University of London and completed her pharmacy training at St. Bartholomew's Hospital London. Susan returned to the School of Pharmacy to complete a PhD in biochemistry.

Susan worked for a number of years as a post-doc and also locumed as a community pharmacist. In 2003 Susan joined the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency as a Pharmacovigilance Assessor. Whilst at the MHRA Susan was responsible for monitoring the safety of anti-retroviral medicines throughout the UK and Europe.

In 2008 Susan joined Medsafe as a Pharmacovigilance Advisor. Since joining Medsafe Susan has been responsible for some high profile activities such as the cough and cold review group, the M² scheme, the suspected medicines adverse reactions search, the trans-Tasman early warning system and updating the Medsafe website.

Dr Jill Wilkinson, Senior Lecturer, School of Nursing, Massey University

Jill is a researcher and lecturer in nursing at Massey University. Jill's research interests, teaching responsibilities and professional involvement are connected to advanced nursing roles and safe prescribing practice.

Dr Helen Snell, NP Diabetes and Related Conditions Across The Age Span

Dr Helen Snell is a Nurse Practitioner and has practised in the specialty of diabetes since 1989. Helen is actively involved in clinical practice and is the nurse leader of the MidCentral Health Diabetes and Endocrinology Service.

Helen is the primary author of the National Diabetes Nursing Knowledge and Skills Framework (2009) which now underpins and informs diabetes education curricula, national accreditation processes and professional development. In addition, Helen led the implementation of Registered Nurse prescribing in diabetes care in 2011 and 2012 and continues to support its further roll out in 2014.

Mary Meendering NZRCpN, MN, MCNA(NZ), Clinical Nurse Specialist, Chairperson of Aotearoa College of Diabetes Nurses nzno, Diabetes & Endocrinology Service

Mary has been a Diabetes Clinical Nurse Specialist for 18 years working across the specialty focusing on diabetes patients with high complexity. Currently, Mary leads the MidCentral Health insulin pump programme and is the chair of Aotearoa College of Diabetes Nurses (NZNO). Mary has been a Diabetes Nurse Prescriber since 2011.

Helen Bowen, NP Older Adult

Helen Bowen is a Gerontology Nurse Practitioner working with the Waitemata District Health Board, Specialist Services for Older Adults. She is part of a multi-disciplinary team working with older people with complex health problems across primary, secondary and residential aged care settings.
Diane Williams, NP Primary Health Care

Diane Williams has been a Primary Health Care NP since 2007, skilled in Maori health, Occupational health, men's, women's & family health, with a solid background of Public & Rural health care experience/expertise. She has led a range of PHC innovations & nursing development positions. “I am a good problem solver, mentor/teacher, hardworking, adaptable, reliable, practical & competent.” Current Executive member of Nurse Practitioners New Zealand. Recently appointed College of Nurses Aotearoa (NZ) Inc. representative on RHANZ. Mentoring & teaching PCHN's across a wide range of settings & skill levels undergrad > master's level PG. Co - Author of NP article about to be published in AANP's Journal. Presenter at national & international nursing conferences, including 'Best Research Poster 'with 'One for the boys' mixed qualitative and quantitative research on Men’s access to PHC, Australian NP Conference Nov 2009.

“I love my scope and range of practice, making a difference and helping people. I'm a proud mum of my three grown children.”

Sandie Halligan, NP Sexual & Reproductive Health

Sandie Halligan’s nursing career has been in primary health, first practice nursing and for the last 20 years for Family Planning. Sandie is a Nurse Practitioner in Sexual and Reproductive Health.

Christine Maxwell, NP Mental Health

Christine Maxwell is a Nurse Practitioner (Mental Health) employed with Mental Health Services for Older People, Southern District Health Board.

Christine’s nursing experience has been primarily based in the community within Adult and Adolescent Mental Health Services. Prior to her current position she was employed to develop a primary mental health service for those presenting with moderate to severe mental health problems which included assessment and therapeutic intervention for children, adolescence and their families.

Christine’s work with adolescents and their families has included working within a Specialist Mental Health Service. Christine enjoyed working in a variety of roles within this service which included working in a Youth Day Programme; parents/families resource; youth court liaison nurse and community liaison nurse.

Christine is interested in developing services which are accessible and integrate more effectively with primary health care.

Andrew McLachlan, NP Cardiology

Andy McLachlan is a Nurse Practitioner and has extensive clinical experience in long term condition support and management, acute cardiology and adult cardiac surgery nursing. Andy performs a range of cardiology nurse interventions in hospital and in the community and is passionate about the role nursing has in the best practice management of cardiac conditions.

Michal Noonan, NP Child & Youth

Michal Noonan is a Child & Youth NP, and is currently working in a health union which serves a high needs Maori and Pacific population. Prior to this she has worked for a Maori provider and has also spent 3 years in Vietnam where she volunteered for some child based NGO’s and also set up a practice for the unmet needs of expat families and tourists who visited the world heritage town. Michal has been involved in teaching NeTP child health students at Starship and lecturing at AUT.
Jane Jeffcoat has been a Nurse Practitioner since 2010. Jane works as the senior clinician on shift in Taumarunui emergency department where she provides acute PHC and emergency care across the lifespan. Jane is the current Chair of NPNZ, a member of National Information Clinical Leaders Group and Telehealth Leaders Group both of which report to the National Health IT Board. She is also a selection panel member for HWNZ Advanced Trainee Fellowship Scheme. Local and regional representations include Midland Region eSpace Clinical Advisory Group, Waikato Clinical Information Reference Group and Waikato Mortality Review Committee. Her major focus for NPNZ Chair tenure is raising the profile of the NP Scope of Practice, in particular gaining a national consistency for all NP practice in keeping with legislation and regulations.