

30 September 2019

Dear ICPSA contract holders and pharmacy stakeholders

Re: Consultation on Hawke's Bay DHB Pharmacy / Pharmacist Service Contracting Policy

Consultation Process and Timeline

Consultation on the Hawke's Bay DHB Pharmacy / Pharmacist Service Contracting Policy will open 1 October 2019 and be emailed to stakeholders. It will also be published on the Hawke's Bay DHB website. The consultation period will close 31 October 2019. Written feedback should be provided via email to Di.Vicary@hawkesbaydhb.govt.nz by close of business 31 October 2019.

Once submissions have been received, a summary will be developed and published on the Hawke's Bay DHB website. We will also provide notification to the pharmacy sector directly, and via the website, when the policy is in place. If you would like to meet to discuss the policy, please call Di Vicary on 06 878 8109 extension 4617 to arrange a meeting. Please direct any media queries to communications@hawkesbaydhb.govt.nz

Background

Hawke's Bay DHB developed a strategic direction for pharmacist services ([Hawke's Bay Community Based Pharmacy Services Strategic Direction 2016 - 2020](#)) as part of a long term strategy 'for pharmacies and licencing' in Hawke's Bay. In Phase Two (2017- 2019) of the strategy the DHB committed to 'to explore the appetite for restricting market entry by new community pharmacies into the Hawke's Bay region through minimum quality standards, to ensure high quality community pharmacy services.' Background information to this can be found here: [Community Based Pharmacy Services in Hawke's Bay](#) Strategic Direction 2016-2020.

The DHB also has a responsibility to discharge its statutory functions and objectives under the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000: '*..to seek the optimum arrangement for the most effective and efficient delivery of health services in order to meet local...needs.*' (section 22(1)(ba)).

In light of our statutory obligations and our local strategy, Hawke's Bay DHB has drafted a local pharmacy contract policy and quality framework. The DHB would like feedback from interested parties on the attached draft policy and quality framework. If you are providing feedback on behalf of a group, please identify your interest or for whom you speak.

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1. Pharmacy / Pharmacist Contract Policy
 2. Quality Framework
 3. Supplementary Endorsed Provider Form