

**Northland District Health Board
HOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HAC)
Monday 15 July 2019, 9.00- 10.30
Whangarei Hospital**

MINUTES

Present

John Bain (Chair)	Gary Payinda	Debbie Evans	Denise Jensen
Sally Macauley	Sue Brown	Libby Jones	

In Attendance

Nick Chamberlain	Meng Cheong	Dee Telfer	Ian McKenzie	Kathryn Leydon
Paul Welford	Mike Roberts	Pip Zammit	Neil Beney	Sarah Fox (minutes)

Member of the public – Beryl Wilkinson
Board Member - Craig Brown

1.0 General Business

1.1 A presentation on the Mental Health and Addiction Services (MHAS) in Te Tai Tokerau was given by Ian McKenzie, GM MHAS, Dr Margaret Aimer, Clinical Director MHAS, and Jane Simperingham, Professional Leader MHAS Nursing.

- An overview was given of the services delivered in the community throughout Northland to meet a range of client needs.
- There was discussion on government priorities and funding and the agencies in New Zealand that provide mental health response and support.

1.2 A presentation on the Orthopaedic department referrals process was given by Dr Rob Coup, Orthopaedic surgeon.

- Dr Coup outlined the challenges faced by the Orthopaedic department and the scoring system used to determine which patients would benefit most from surgery.
- It was noted that the additional new theatres will enable more patients to be seen although staffing limitations, eg anaesthetist technicians, will still need to be managed.

2.0 Committee Minutes

2.1 Confirmation of Minutes 15 May 2019

It was moved that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2019 be approved.
MOVED Sally Macauley SECONDED Libby Jones CARRIED

2.2 Matters/Actions Arising

2.2.1 Dispensing medications on discharge rather than giving patients prescriptions to take to a community pharmacy.

- There was discussion on the options available to those unable to pay for prescriptions and/or access a community pharmacy.
- The GM Medicine, Health of Older People, Emergency and Clinical Support was asked to seek clarification on the regulations for dispensing full courses of medication such as antibiotics by ED clinicians.

3.0 Chair's Report

The Chair reported on his experiences of the National Health Service in the UK and his informal discussions with overseas clinicians. The Chair noted that comparison with UK hospital facilities highlighted the need for improvement and increased investment in Northland but, despite this, he felt the level of care demonstrated by our clinicians was equally high.

4.0 System Performance

4.1 Operational Report

The Chief Operating Officer highlighted the following points:

- Access to planned care funding is being worked through with the Ministry of Health.
- Incident Management Team meetings have been taking place to agree prioritisation of and responses to current issues such as an increase in influenza cases, district nursing service and staff sickness.
- There was discussion on the issues caused by the ongoing lack of an adequate inter-hospital transfer helicopter service.
- It was noted that the laboratory management restructure is now going through formal consultation. The audit report from IANZ has not yet been received.

5.0 Next Meeting Details

The next meeting would be held at 9.00am on Monday 26 August 2019, Whangarei Hospital

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.45am.

CHAIR

DATE