

GPNZ MONTHLY ACTIVITY SUMMARY – SEPTEMBER 2023

KEY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- International Federation for Integrated Care 2024 international conference scientific committee
- Manatū Hauora: Steve Barnes, Group Manager, Family and Community Health Policy
- Te Whatu Ora:
 - Paul Martin, Deputy National Director, Commissioning and System Design
 - Andy Inder, Programme Lead, Primary Care dataset
 - Emma Prestidge
 - Adeline Cumings
 - Sarah Clarke
- Pharmaceutical Society NZ spring function, Richard Townley farewell
- PMAANZ annual conference, presentation of education award
- Linda Wensley, Canterbury Clinical Network
- Kaiāwhina working group
- Lynne Hayman, CEO RNZCGP
- Sapere – David Moore and Tom Love
- Jane Cullen, Principal Advisor Quality Improvement, Te Aho e Te Kahu
- ACC Rehabilitation Improvement Group

ADVOCACY

Nurse pay parity update

- GPNZ has been working alongside GPLF members and Whānau Āwhina Plunket, Family Planning, Te Kahu Pairuri o Aotearoa – Hospice New Zealand, Aged Care Association, Home and Community Health Association, Access Community Health/Hauora Tara-Ā-Whare and Whakarongorau Aotearoa/New Zealand Telehealth Services on the topic of pay parity for primary, community and telehealth nurse and kaiāwhina.
- GPNZ ran a quick round data collection which resulted in 246 responses with 43 per cent reporting closures or restricted services due to a nursing workforce shortage. [Read the summarised survey results on our website.](#)
- The joint advocacy group wrote to leading political parties on 13 September, seeking response by 20 September seeking clarity on their position to achieve pay parity for primary and community nurses and healthcare workers, including a timeframe for action. Only labour issued a response, very generic – no firm commitment or timeframe given.
- The group subsequently [issued a joint press release on the impact the pay gap is having on community health care](#). This resulted in a piece on Newshub, directly before the leaders debate on Wednesday 27 September. The piece focused on GP funding and nurse pay parity - [view on YouTube](#).

Te Whatu Ora board member visits

- Following visits with Dame Karen earlier this year we have secured three further dates with her before the end of the year.
- Visits to Christchurch, Nelson and Hawkes Bay are planned at this stage.
- We expect Dame Karen to be joined by Abbe Anderson on at least one visit, and possibly staff from Manatū Hauora.

Political engagement

- Dr Shane Reti attended the PHO CEO meeting on 8 September, spending 30 minutes with the group outlining his vision for the health system and answering questions.

- GPNZ released its [pre-election expectations](#) on 19 September. This is a high-level summary document, with topics outlined due to be explored further in the briefing to the incoming minister (BIM) document we will release in November.

Implementation of comprehensive care team roles/funding

- The inconsistency of the comprehensive care team rollout has been raised as a collective issue via the monthly meeting of the PHO CEOs.
- GPNZ has written to Te Whatu Ora on behalf of the PHO CEO requesting a meeting to enable improved national consistency.
- Te Whatu Ora responded swiftly and are interested to hear the view of PHOs, having already had some feedback directly from practices. A date to meet should be secured soon.

PROJECTS

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- Phase one report, detailing the current environment has been received and circulated to GPNZ rōpū. (*We do not plan to release this further at this stage, likely to release phase one report with the outputs of phase two.*)
- To move the conversation forward to 'what next' GPNZ is holding a workshop with the Exec and a small number of sector representatives on 2 November.
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NCSP working group / HPV screening

- The National Cervical Screening Programme (NCSP) Primary Care Working Group members continue to meet to help settle phase one and inform the funding model for phase two.

Unmet need research

- The project officially started with the first of six practice visits complete.
- The quantitative data request is sitting with Te Whatu Ora to progress, and we are optimistic that we will gain the data before Christmas.

Inbox management

- A 3-part webinar series on inbox management has been scoped up and will start mid-October.
- The series will cover workforce options, technology and medico-legal responsibilities.
- The flyer with details will be included in this month's GPNZ Pānui. If you are not signed up to our monthly Pānui you can [do so here](#).

Emergency planning in primary care

- A new GPNZ project has kicked off to collect shared learnings from regions who have recently had an emergency and create a national primary care plan.
- Outputs are expected to be a primary care emergency preparedness plan alongside a comprehensive toolkit.
- A virtual workshop will be held in November to progress this work.

ACC rehabilitation system improvement project

- ACC is undertaking a major overhaul of the national rehabilitation system, with design input from a sector group including representatives from primary care, urgent care, occupational health, physiotherapy, psychology and surgery.
- GPNZ CEO Maura Thompson, ProCare GM Strategic Development Paul Roseman and PMAANZ Chair Mary Morrissey were among the members of the Rehabilitation Improvement

Group, which met for the first-time last week with ACC leaders, including CEO Megan Main and Chief Clinical Officer Dr John Robson.

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COMMUNICATION

- Monthly Pānui released on 7 September: <https://mailchi.mp/gpnz/gpnz-panui-7-sept-23?e=860a32eeac>
- Next Pānui will be out 5 October.
- Media releases
 - [State of general practice in New Zealand: “we have a problem”](#) (See related: [Newsable: How do we address the GP shortage?](#))
 - [Primary care priorities for the future Government](#)
 - [Joint media release: Pay gap crippling essential community health care](#)
- GPNZ assisted journalists with the following stories:
 - [From car boot care to queues out the door, what broke after-hours healthcare?](#)
 - [The \\$3,000 tool 'every GP should have'](#) [Business Desk – paywalled].