

Endoscopy Oversight Group

Te Whatu Ora Southern is seeking primary care representation for an Endoscopy Oversight Group (the "Group")

The Purpose of this group is to provide a means by which all matters pertaining to governance of the Te Whatu Ora Southern endoscopy service can be managed to ensure quality and equity of the services provided. To receive and review overall quality indicators, such as quarterly reports, and to outline overall expectations should changes be required. Matters may include (but are not limited to) clinical practice, quality guidelines and parameters, clinical guidelines and recommendations, training and supervision, service organisation (acute & elective), service capacity, referral volumes and waiting times. Key roles of the oversight group will include ensuring equitable and consistent services are delivered across the district, and to provide reassurance that the delivery of the overall services is in line with expectations.

The group will ensure that the key stakeholders (both suppliers and consumers of those services) are able to contribute and participate in the governance of the delivery of GI endoscopy services. This will include ensuring that specialities undertaking GI endoscopy, referrers and consumers across the Southern region have appropriate representation.

Key objectives include:

- Giving effect to the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in service planning to ensure that there is equity of access for Māori, Pasifika and other disadvantaged populations.
- Oversight of EUG and for maintaining a comprehensive, quality service, which reflects the needs of the Southern District within the framework of the NZ healthcare system.
- Providing a conduit as a means of facilitating and addressing issues involving multiple specialties and/or the interface between primary and secondary care.
- Support agreed administrative and operational processes within the service and provide guidance for those where differing opinions occur or where consensus cannot be agreed.
- Providing oversight for local initiatives related to bowel cancer screening in the context of regional and national guidelines or directives.
- Receiving periodic reports on training in/for the endoscopy service.
- Receiving external reports for noting and for consideration when directing action to be taken. For example, regular reporting from the Cancer Control Agency. A schedule of regular reports will be completed and added to the standing agenda.
- Supporting and/or advocating for the case for new investment in capital and / or operating expenditure.
- Commissioning data analysis as required in order to give the group evidence-based information on which to make decisions and recommendations. It is envisaged that the group will be empowered to make decisions relating to practice, but to recommend decisions that require DHB investment.
- Oversight for implementation and monitoring of any recommendations made about the service as the result of internal or external reviews or reports commissioned, and agreed to, by the Group.
- Developing and approving appropriate project plans to give effect to any recommendations agreed to by the Group resulting from commissioned reviews or reports.

Frequency of meetings will be Quarterly on a Friday except in December. Meetings will be 1 hour in duration. The agenda will be distributed in advance. The final details and a 12-month calendar of future meetings will be published at the beginning of each new year.

Any questions please contact Craig Ashton General Manager Te Whatu Ora - details below:

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