



Integrated Community Nursing Services in the Bay of Plenty

Project

BOPDHB and the three PHOs in the Bay of Plenty are working together to develop a more integrated and patient-focussed community nursing service.

Who

The initial project scope will include the Bay of Plenty District Health Board (BOPDHB) District Nursing Service and the range of BOPDHB-funded primary and community-based nursing services delivered throughout the Bay.

Objectives

The project's primary objective is optimal outcomes for patients, and more specifically those receiving their care in the home. Its task will be to identify the best way to arrive at that point through an integrated 'whole-of-system' approach.

This will include embracing new technology and working models, and exploring the most efficient use of resources.

It is envisaged that developing a co-ordinated model of care will result in a streamlined service which would interface with General Practice, as well as hospital-based and other community-based services.

In summary, key project objectives include:

- improving quality, safety and experience of care
- improving health and equity for all populations
- achieving best value for public health system resources
- exploring new ways of addressing growth in demand for acute care
- embracing and exploring innovations in chronic conditions management of patients in the community.

The project aligns with: Bay of Plenty District Health Board (BOPDHB) Annual Plan 2014/15; central government policy; Minister of Health's expectations; and BOP Integrated Healthcare Strategy 2020.

Process

A clinically-led, cross-sector Service Level Alliance Team (SLAT) will be formed to develop options for consideration by the Bay of Plenty Alliance Leadership Team. The SLAT will take part in a series of monthly themed two-hour workshops to identify innovative ways to achieve a more integrated service. They will commence in October 2014 and run until June 2015. The SLAT is relying on stakeholder/patient input to help shape the future and will be seeking input through a variety of ways, including open forums and group-specific workshops during February and March 2015.

November 2014

Timetable

It is expected the SLAT will complete its planning work and submit its recommendations for BOPALT's consideration by June 2015.

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