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Leaders meet on general practice funding – work ongoing



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The General Practice Leaders Forum met briefly this morning on next steps over funding concerns but have little to report at this stage, says forum chair Fiona Bolden.

Today's urgent meeting followed in the wake of the new health agencies starting to seek advice on future funding options for the general practice sector.

As reported yesterday by *New Zealand Doctor Rata Aotearoa* the consultant firm Sapere has been commissioned to provide advice to interim Health New Zealand and the interim Māori Health Authority on future primary care funding options.

This prompted the forum's follow-up meeting to discuss concerns about sustainable general practice funding and processes for deciding any new funding model.

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Short meeting

Dr Bolden, who is also chair of the New Zealand Rural General Practice Network, says today's meeting was short due to member availability.

She says by text that the meeting discussed "overarching principles" and there was little to report at present, "other than to say we are all very committed to all people being able to access quality general practice around the country and each of us, representing our different organisations, wants there to be transparency for our members as to how this happens."

The forum's members include RNZCGP, NZMA, RGPN, General Practice New Zealand, the General Practice Owners Association, New Zealand Nurses Organisation, and the Practice Managers and Administrators Association of New Zealand (PMAANZ).

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