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The Heart of Health Care Networks



The place of organised primary care in the Pae Ora reforms

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Evolution of PHOs

- No guaranteed place for PHOs in the new system under Pae Ora legislation but.....
- Increasing indications from Te Whatu Ora that PHOs could provide functions to support locality provider networks; some may also provide clinical services and programmes to localities
- Current PHO Services Agreement likely to remain until 2024
- Power of PHOs is in relationships, understanding communities and supporting and enabling community providers – that expertise needs to be enhanced in new system
- Change management underway in individual PHOs; unlikely to continue to be 30 different entities; regional networking and activity is strengthening

Potential network support functions

- Community-focused data coordination and management
- Provider claiming and contract support
- Enrolment and follow-up services
- Workforce development
- Clinical governance and quality improvement
- Provider co-ordination and service integration
- Change management support
- Support for locality plan implementation

Primary care landscape

- Many players in primary care; same song sheet though not always singing in harmony
- This is an opportunity to look at our place in the emerging system, how we best support providers and communities and achieve pae ora
- Change requires leaders to be courageous and innovative; need to move from the past to the future while looking at the past and challenge old ways of doing things

GPNZ role

- Feedback from members has confirmed support for continuation of GPNZ national advocacy and representation not found elsewhere in the system
- We need to change alongside our members and shape the organisation as a Te Tiriti partner, focused on Māori equity and outcomes; look at our brand and our name
- There is strong support for widening of membership and activity to all primary and community care
- Need to strengthen partnerships and relationships with Te Whatu Ora, Te Aka Whai Ora, Manatū Hauora, IMPBs, as well as look for strategic alliances with other primary care organisations
- See PMAANZ and Collaborative Aotearoa as sister organisations with opportunity to work more closely together

Pātai

- Your questions for us?

Pātai for you

- What do practices need in terms of management support functions?
- What changes do you think need to happen to ensure a strong primary care voice nationally?