

Priorities & Bio of ADoN, Community & Primary Care



As the ADON for the Community Health Service Group and Primary Care (through Strategy Planning and Outcomes) my role is to provide professional and strategic nursing leadership and support to enable the DHB to safely and effectively plan its services and deliver its service delivery strategy and targets.

This includes the provision of professional leadership, advice and support to nursing staff in the Community Health Service Group (includes nurses in Older Persons Rehabilitation Service, Diabetes, Respiratory, Rheumatology and District Nursing), Primary Care providers (includes Maori and Pacific health providers, youth health, Corrections, Defence (minimal) and other NGOs as well as PHOs/general practice) and the wider Hutt Valley Health System in order to build and maintain capability. This requires a close working relationship with the Service Managers and Service Group Manager in the Community Health Service Group, and a “dotted line” to the General Manager Strategy Planning and Outcomes. As well I provide professional leadership support and advice to nursing staff in Regional Public Health (this is described in the final review change document August 2016).

- I have a lead role in the communication sub work group in the Patient Care Planning project, an organisational project linked to Certification Recommendations (May 2016).
- I have a lead role for professional leadership for Nurse Practitioners across the wider DHB. I have a professional group established for the three NPs we have employed in the Hospital. There are currently no NPs employed in the community. A number of nurses are keen to pursue RN prescribing registration, and I also support nurses on this pathway. Hutt Hospital has their first RN prescriber (Cardiology) and four Diabetes nurse prescribers.
- I chair and facilitate the monthly Primary Health Nurse Reference Group meeting with representatives from across the whole of health sector.
- I chair the Clinical Nurse Specialist Nurse meetings which are two monthly.
- I am part of numerous other groups e.g. Falls and Pressure Injury Groups, Hutt INC (alliance), Clinical Council (as acting DoN) and other groups.

My background includes strong public health nurse experience, district nursing, practice nursing (short term), and included coordinator/team leader roles and nurse consultant/professional advisor roles. Previous role included Nursing Director (2 DHB) Primary Health and Integrated Care, Acting ADON Community and Primary Care and my current role. I have a Master of Public Management (2008) a Bachelor of Health Science (Nsg) and am an RGON. I have clinical supervision training and a number of years experience in providing professional supervision, coaching training, and have a mentoring and coaching approach. I enjoy working with other individuals and teams to help them achieve their goals and success