

Health Passport trial

We are trialling the Health and Disability Commission's 'Health Passport' before it goes national.



The Passport is a document you can fill in to let health professionals know anything you think would help them with your treatment or care.

The passport is available online at www.hdc.org.nz or from the main entry foyer in Hutt Hospital, Lower Hutt or Upper Hutt Citizens' Advice Bureau, or phone (04) 806 2436 to be posted one.

If you need help to fill in your passport, please ask a friend, family member or support worker to help. Sharon Downs, Nationwide Health and Disability Advocacy Service, is also available to help Hutt Valley people fill in their Health Passport. Contact Sharon directly on (04) 570 0850 or phone 0800 555 050 and ask for Sharon.

To improve the Health Passport before it is rolled out nationally, we would love to hear if you used your Health Passport and what you thought of it.

To give your feedback, please fill out the survey at www.hdc.org.nz, email healthpassport@hdc.org.nz, free phone 0800 11 22 33 or fax (09) 373 1061.

Finances on track

Despite economic conditions, we are on track with our deficit reduction plans. We are finding better ways of doing things and improving efficiencies to ensure we stay within our budget and maintain our current services.

Board meetings

Community & Public Health Advisory Committee

9.00am Monday 22 August 2011
Capital & Coast DHB Boardroom

Hospital Advisory Committee
9.30am Friday 26 August 2011
Hutt Valley DHB Boardroom

Board Meeting
1.00pm Friday 2 September 2011
Hutt Valley DHB Boardroom

Disability Support Advisory Committee
1.00pm Monday 19 September 2011
Hutt Valley DHB Boardroom



New building nearly ready

After 20 months of construction, our new theatre and emergency department complex is almost complete. The facility has been built to the highest standards and designed to meet the needs of the Hutt Valley for the foreseeable future.

Fletcher Construction has handed over the keys, and we are now installing all our medical equipment. This includes operating theatre lights, patient monitors, a new digital x-ray machine in the emergency department and high-tech equipment for cleaning surgical instruments for the sterile services unit.

On 5 September the Emergency Department and Medical Assessment and Planning Unit (MAPU) will move, followed by the Theatres, which will be operational on 12 September.

Planning for phase 2 of the development is already underway. This refurbishment phase starts in September and goes through to July next year. The 'old' Emergency Department and theatres will be stripped out, with the exception of fracture clinic, and refitted as a new ICU, Endoscopy and Medical Day Unit. In October 2011 we will remove the clip-on theatres which have served us so well over the last few years.

Come and see for yourself - Once!

We'd love to show you the new operating theatres and emergency department and, not meaning to sound rude, we hope it's the only time you have to visit us!

The **public open day** is on Saturday 27 August from 10am - 2pm with guided tours through the new complex. Tours will run every 4-5 minutes, in groups of about 15 people, starting at a well-marked door near the front entrance to the new building. Tours will be guided by clinical staff, and take around 30 minutes.

You'll see the state-of-the-art operating theatre and recovery suite and check out some of the specialist equipment that saves lives in the emergency department. You'll also glimpse 'The Tree Hutt', a specially designed area for children's emergency treatment, modelling the best of 'distraction therapy' with wildlife murals and activities, and a child-controlled train weaving through the branches of treetops.

There is ample parking onsite, in the carparking building and the carpark next to the new ambulance bay.

Your doctor knows you best

There is no doubt the 'old' emergency department was too small, but the last thing we want with the opening of the new one is to be swamped with people who have chosen to come to hospital for conditions that are better treated by their GP.

Your doctor knows you best and you should always go to them for treatment of coughs, colds, minor injuries, viral illnesses, if you are generally feeling unwell or your condition is not getting better. Emergency departments provide specialist and life saving treatment for patients and should only be used when it is an emergency.

If you are unsure if you need urgent medical care you can phone your doctor any time of the day or night for free advice. If you call outside their normal open hours, you will automatically be transferred to the free Nurse Triage Service for advice.

There are also two after hours services in the Hutt Valley if you need to see a GP in the weekend, evening or on a public holiday. For information about GP practices and after hours services in the Hutt Valley visit our website www.huttvalleydhb.org.nz



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