

Evolving Primary Health Care Services

Better, Sooner, More Convenient Primary Health Care is the current Government's initiative to deliver a more personalised primary health care system. It is changing the way New Zealand has traditionally delivered primary health care. NZNO acknowledges that change can be positive, enabling new initiatives and the development of new services. NZNO will continue to advocate for universal and equitable access to primary health care for all New Zealanders.

NZNO supports the development of new models in the delivery of primary health care services under the following conditions:

1. There is a regional approach to safe, quality primary health care services (this includes those services delivered by Māori and Iwi providers.)
2. All staff, both clinical and administrative, have the opportunity to assist in the development of options and proposals
3. Nursing positions are included in clinical governance structures, with opportunities to extend, enhance and develop nursing practice
4. Extensive and timely consultation is undertaken with staff, unions, Tangata Whenua and communities
5. There is a sound economic and human resourcing rationale for the proposals
6. An impact analysis is presented with all consultation documents
7. There is a clear strategy to redirect financial savings into clinical service delivery
8. Integration of public services does not increase the cost to the client or the taxpayer
9. Integration of public services does not lessen conditions of employment or compromise clinical leadership and professional support structures for staff
10. Services to clients, Māori, high needs populations and the community will be enhanced and equitable
11. Staff and clients experience minimum disruption and public safety is not compromised

Attention is drawn also to the NZ College of Primary Health Care Nurses Practice Position Statement "Maximising the Nursing Contribution to Positive Health Outcomes for the New Zealand Population" located on the NZNO website at:

<http://www.nzno.org.nz/Portals/0/Maximising%20the%20Nursing%20Contribution%20to%20Positive%20Health%20Outcomes%20for%20the%20New%20Zealand%20Population.pdf>

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Mission statement

NZNO is committed to the representation of members, the promotion of nursing and midwifery. NZNO embraces Te Tiriti o Waitangi and works to improve the health status of all peoples of Aotearoa/ New Zealand through participation in health and social policy development.

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