

Expression of Interest for a Pharmacy Service Expert Advisory Group provider representative

Expressions of Interest are being sought by District Health Boards (DHBs) for an additional provider representative for the Pharmacy Services Expert Advisory Group (EAG). The additional provider representative can be (but does not need to be) a practicing pharmacist.

Background

The EAG was established by District Health Boards in 2016 to deliver on the Ministry of Health's *Pharmacy Action Plan 2016-2020*, which supports the Government's New Zealand Health Strategy, and also to oversee the development of the 'Integrated Pharmacist Services in the Community' vision.

Current membership includes representatives of DHBs, the Ministry of Health, PHARMAC, consumers, pharmacists, and a provider representative who is a practicing community pharmacist.

The Integrated Community Pharmacy Services Agreement (ICPSA) states the EAG will include two provider representatives appointed on the basis of their expertise, one of whom must be a Pharmacist (clause B.21(2)).

The purpose of the EAG is to provide expert advice in relation to community pharmacy services, including advice on service design and service models.

The EAG has a strong focus on:

- service development
- equity of health outcomes for consumers
- delivery of relevant DHB Service Level Measures and health outcome targets.

The EAG also has a role in supporting the new *Integrated Community Pharmacy Services Agreement* (ICPSA). The ICPSA is the contract between DHBs and individual community pharmacy service providers for service delivery. The ICPSA came into force on 1 October 2018.

The ICPSA is an important step in delivering on the Pharmacy Action Plan, the New Zealand Health Strategy, and the vision for integrated pharmacist services in the community to:

- provide people-centred care and improve health outcomes for New Zealanders
- enhance equity of health outcomes for New Zealanders
- encourage collaboration between consumers, pharmacists, and the broader health system.

Role of the EAG and its members

Members of the EAG are appointed on the basis of their expertise, so that they ensure that the EAG is able to carry out its functions.

The functions of the EAG are to:

- (a) provide expert advice in relation to community pharmacy services, including advice on service design and service models
- (b) consider changes that could be made to the ICPSA for consideration as part of the National Annual Agreement Review
- (c) receive and consider matters referred to the EAG as part of the National Annual Agreement Review
- (d) participate in a review, to be undertaken by the DHBs collectively, of the services described in Schedule 1 of the ICPSA (as at 1 October 2018) to determine whether, and if so how, the Dispensing Services and Professional Advisory Services described in that Schedule could be provided by different entities.

It is also expected that the EAG will provide advice, on an as-needed basis, on pharmacy and pharmacist services generally, including in relation to progressing the four focus areas in the *Pharmacy Action Plan 2016-2020*, and related areas of priority for the government.

The EAG will conduct its work in accordance with an annual work plan. The work plan will be set by DHBs, taking into account advice from EAG members as to its content.

Meetings

Meetings will be face to face at the TAS Wellington office for a half day.

It is anticipated that meetings will occur once every two months, with the first meeting for 2019 taking place in February.

Payments to members for fees and expenses associated with carrying out work as a member of the EAG will be made in accordance with the State Services Commission Fees Framework (*Cabinet Office Circular CO (12) 6*) and any TAS policy.

How to submit an expression of interest

We invite you to express your interest in becoming a provider representative on the EAG by completing the Expression of Interest form. Please also provide your CV.

Please email the completed form and your CV to:

PharmacyExpertAdvisoryGroup@tas.health.nz by 22 March 2019.

All candidates will be notified of the outcome of their expression of interest within one week of the closing date.

Timeframes

EOI closing date	22 March 2019
DHB decision made	29 March 2019

Relevant documents

Item	Document Title
1	Expert Advisory Group Terms of Reference
2	Pharmacy Action Plan 2016-2020
3	State Services Commission Fees Framework (Cabinet Office Circular CO (12) 6)