DHBs commission review of community pharmacy services and funding model

District Health Boards (DHBs) are commissioning a review of the community pharmacy services and funding model to inform decisions about future requirements for community pharmacy services.

“DHBs wish to understand how requirements for community pharmacy access and services are evolving and how the needs of New Zealanders can best be met in the future,” says lead DHB Pharmacy General Manager Planning and Funding, Carolyn Gullery.

“We want to create a framework for services and funding that will support effective delivery of people-centred community pharmacy services that better address inequity - fairly and sustainably.’’

The Review will take part in three stages. These are:
- Stage One: Independent review of current community pharmacy services (August 2020-October 2020)
- Stage Two: Service Redesign (November 2020 – April 2021)
- Stage Three: Funding and Pricing Model Review (May 2021 – September 2021)

The Service Redesign will be informed by the outcomes of the independent services review, will seek input from consumers and involve the DHB Pharmacy Services Expert Advisory Group.

The Funding and Pricing Model Review will then identify optimal funding mechanisms to support the goal of equitable, sustainable person-centred services.

Ms Gullery says that throughout the three-stage process, there will be interaction and consultation with the pharmacy sector – including contract-holder representatives; regulatory, government and professional bodies; primary care providers and other health stakeholders, consumers, policy and funding agencies, and medicines and IT suppliers.

National Annual Agreement Review participants will be actively engaged in all three stages of the Review.

DHBs and providers will consider the outcomes of the three stages of the Service and Funding Model Review, and work together to develop proposals for the redesign of integrated community pharmacy services.

The Terms of Reference for the Community Pharmacy Services and Funding Model Review can be found on the TAS website.

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