

Statement: First meeting of National Annual Agreement Review 2018-19

4 December 2018

The first meeting for the National Annual Agreement Review 2018-19 of the Integrated Community Pharmacy Services Agreement took place on 3 December in Wellington.

Present were DHB and Ministry of Health representatives, five sector representative organisations, and an independent contract-holder from Wellington. The five sector representatives were the Pharmacy Guild of New Zealand, Green Cross Health, Nirvana Health, Pharmacy Partners and Countdown.

The first meeting set the scene for the 2018-19 Review, and was positive and collaborative. Discussion focussed on prioritisation of matters to look at in the Review. Minutes of the meeting will be published within the next few weeks, and we will let you know when that occurs.

Two further meetings have been scheduled for late March and June. The Review must be completed by the end of June, so recommendations can go to DHB Chief Executives and any changes to the contract arising from the Annual Review can take place before the contract's first anniversary date of 1 October 2019.