

Announcement of Mental Health and Addictions Steering Group for Models of care and service plans

We are happy to announce the full Mental Health & Addictions Steering Group members. This group will oversee an extensive programme of work for Mental Health and Addictions, which will develop new models of care, and service plans for:

- Adult Mental Health
- Child & Youth Mental Health
- Mental Health for Older People; and
- Adult Addictions

The full Mental Health and Addictions Steering Group is as follows:

- Jolene Proffit, Nga Ringa Atawhai me Hauora Waikato;
- Catherine Siely, CareNZ;
- Julie Kneebone, Consumer Advisor;
- Barbara Disley, Emerge Aotearoa;
- Tio Sewell, Te Roopu Tautoko ki Waikato;
- Derek Wright, Waikato Executive Director Mental Health and Addiction Services;
- Rees Tapsell, Clinical Director Mental Health and Addiction Services;
- Fiona Bolden, Midlands Health Network;
- Graham Mellsop, Professor of Psychiatry Waikato DHB Academic Centre (deputy chair);
- Neville Hablous, Waikato DHB Chief of Staff (representing the Chief Executive);
- Ross Lawrenson, Clinical Director: Strategy and Funding (chair);
- Julie Wilson, Executive Director: Strategy and Funding (programme co-ordination oversight);
- Millie Berryman, Executive Director: Te Puna Oranga (Māori Health Service)

Nigel Murray, Chief Executive Waikato District Health Board is the overall sponsor.

The process for choosing sector experts was

- Expressions of Interest forwarded to panel made up of Peter Kennerley MOH, Grant Berghan Waikato DHB Te Puna Oranga, Tania Hodges Waikato DHB Board and Iwi Maori Council, Alison Masters Medical Director Mental Health and ID services Capital & Coast DHB
- 9 Expressions of Interest were received
- The Panel noted they were all of high quality
- While there were spaces for three nominees on the Steering Group the panel strongly recommended a consumer voice be added to the mix, hence the Executive Director and Clinical Director Strategy & Funding have widened the group for this to occur, meaning that there are now 13 members instead of the 12 proposed originally.

Julie Wilson Executive Director Strategy & Funding
Ross Lawrenson Clinical Director Strategy & Funding