



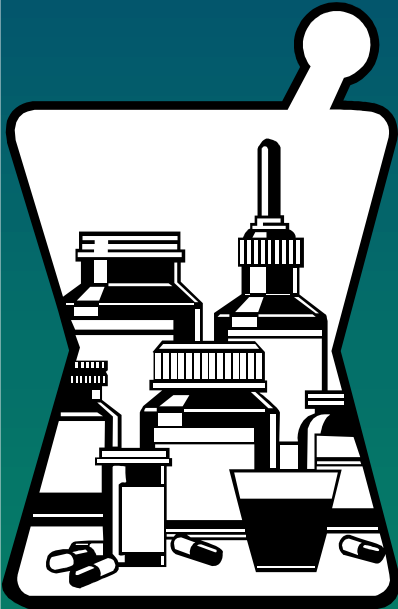
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WELCOME

Kia ora and welcome to the second issue of the **SMM Programme** newsletter. Each issue of the newsletter will be added to the Safe Medication Management website. This issue provides an update on progress that has been made since the launch of the programme in July.

FOLLOW UP FROM THE LAUNCH

The combined launch of the SMM Programme and Optimising the Patient's Journey project was held in Wellington on 1 July 2008. One hundred and thirty people attended the launch. The afternoon break out session involved a number of key stakeholders from across the sector and participation was excellent, with everyone giving their views on how we can collaboratively ensure the success of the programme.

SMM STEERING GROUP

The Steering Group has been meeting monthly. The August meeting was held in Dunedin as the group was given a presentation on the work that has been done to date at Otago DHB, around e-prescribing. A big thank you to Dr Andrew Bowers and his team. Key highlights from the SMM Steering Group meeting can be found on the SMM Programme website (more information back page)

KEY STAKEHOLDERS

Paul Cressey has been appointed to the programme team to work with key stakeholders at a

governance and senior management level. Paul and various members of the team will be visiting key stakeholders over the coming months to develop trust, communication, buy-in and commitment to this QIC national programme.

DHB KEY CONTACTS

A key contact person for the SMM Programme has been sought at each DHB. The DHB key contacts have been identified by their CEOs, and have had an introductory email from the team. The team looks forward to working with them over the next four years.

The key contact at each DHB will work with the project team to gather information and ensure that any correspondence relating to the SMM Programme is disseminated throughout the DHB.

CONSUMER REPRESENTATION

A recruitment process was conducted for consumer representation on the SMM Steering Group, with assistance from the Ministry of Consumer Affairs. The recommendations of the application review panel were taken to the August SMM Steering Group meeting for endorsement.

We can now welcome Barbara Holland and Jean Park to the SMM Steering Group and know they will be of great value, ensuring that the needs of the consumer are met during the development, implementation and national roll out of the SMM Programme.

STEERING GROUP

Chai Chuah

Lead Chief Executive Officer

Chris Fleming

Supporting Chief Executive Officer

Cheyne Chalmers

Director of Nursing

Anne McLean

Chief Operating Officer

Nick Lanigan

Chief Information Officer

Mary Seddon

Quality Improvement Committee

Elizabeth Plant

Safe and Quality Use of Medicine Group

Helen Lockyer

Ministry of Health

Billy Allan

Chief Pharmacist

Anne Kemp

Quality & Risk Manager

Adam McRae

Safe and Quality Use of Medicine Group

Keith Carey-Smith

GP Liaison

Tim Maling

Chief Medical Officer Representative

Paul Cressey

Health Information Strategy Organisation

Barbara Holland

Consumer

Jean Park

Consumer

WEBSITE

The SMM Programme website went live on Friday 1 August 2008. The website has been designed to provide some consistency with the other QIC national projects. The website is in the initial stages of development but will soon become a great resource for all stakeholders, so you can keep up to date with the development of the programme.

We welcome any suggestions you may have as to what you would like to see on the website. Please email SMM programme team member Amanda Ashcroft Amanda.ashcroft@huttvalleydhb.org.nz with your suggestions. The website will be one of our key links for communication with all key stakeholders so we encourage you to use this site under the forum section to communicate with the sector.

Hyperlink is:

www.safemedication.org.nz

Login – firstnamelastname

Some people have had a few difficulties establishing a login so we thought it might be useful to point out the following steps:

- Your name needs to be full with no full stops or gaps e.g. amandaashcroft.
- The confirmation code is just another safety measure so use whatever you like, but it will need to be different from your password.

Any problems please let us know, as this is a new site, and will have its own teething problems to be worked through.

CLUSTERS

The eight sub projects have been logically clustered, each with a working group made up of pharmacists, nurses, consumers, IT personnel, managers and doctors. These representatives come from DHBs around the country.

The four clusters are:

- Standardised medication chart AND Introduction of e-medication record, e-prescribing or clinician point of entry system
- Standardised hospital medicine information systems AND Link all information systems connected with medicine management
- Package pharmaceuticals at unit dose with barcodes on wrappers or labels AND Introduce bedside verification
- Medicine reconciliation

Education and training, and auditing and monitoring, will be an integral part of each cluster.

WORKING GROUPS

Thank you to all those who expressed an interest in being involved in the Working Groups.

Following the launch in July "Expressions of Interest" forms were sent out to all DHBs and 50 expressions of interest were received. The four working groups have been selected from these expressions of interest, for the four clusters of sub projects.

The first Working Group for the cluster of sub projects:

Standardised medication chart AND E-medication record, e-prescribing, or clinician point of entry system

has their first meeting scheduled for 3 September 2008, in Wellington.

All those on the other three Working Groups will be contacted late August/early September.

From the expressions of interest received there is a shortage of nurses, doctors and IT representation in some of the Working Groups. Please contact Deborah.Davies@huttvalleydhb.org.nz if you represent one of these categories and have the support of your manager.