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Dear Michael

Submission on the Ashburton Medical Model of Care: Proposal for Change

This submission is made on behalf of Ashburton District Health Liaison Group (the "Group"). Our contact details are c/o The Mayor, Ashburton District Council, PO Box 94, Ashburton 7740 and (03) 307-7700 and our email is info@adc.govt.nz

Introduction

Ashburton District Health Liaison Group appreciates the opportunity to give its views on the Ashburton Medical Model of Care: Proposal for Change discussion document. In forming this submission, the Group has reviewed the document presented and provided feedback to inform the collective view.

Special mention must be made of the appreciation expressed by Group members towards the CDHB for considering its views and engaging the wider community in this process. The proposed change model of care is seen by all who have contributed to be a positive move for health services in Ashburton and the CDHB is to be commended for its initiative in adopting this approach. Ashburton Hospital has a proud history of being a medical training facility in the past and the Group are particularly pleased to see this proposal reintroduce this function for health services.

Summary

Ashburton District Health Liaison Group supports:

- The proposal to establish medical training facilities at Ashburton Hospital.
- The establishment of the 8 RMO positions and the corresponding disestablishment of the 6 MO positions.
- The establishment of the position of 'Supervisor- Medical Education & Training'.

Ashburton District Health Liaison Group would like to suggest the following:

- Greater emphasis on the importance of Mental Health in the proposal. This can be achieved by clearer links being made between key positions in the proposed structure in the internal relationships with the CDHB Mental Health Unit and the Ashburton Community Mental Health Team
- Consideration of the term Tuarangi Rest Home - the official name is Tuarangi Home as it offers full hospital and dementia care as opposed to just rest home care.

We thank you again for considering our submission.

Yours sincerely



Mayor Angus McKay
HEALTH COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON