



Nurse Practitioner Recruitment Initiative – Update

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Kia ora

Following our recent Registration of Interest process for the NZRGPN, Nurse Practitioner Recruitment Initiative, we are pleased to report that we have now selected our preferred providers.

Congratulations to Toi Ora Health (Opotiki), Raglan Medical Centre, Taumarunui Kokiri Community Trust, Waiau Health Trust (Tuatapere), and Hokianga Health (Rawene).

There will be five new Nurse Practitioner positions established across a range of traditional rural general practice, rural hospital and Maori Health providers. We will be working with each of these employers to recruit and establish the new roles within their teams over the next few months.

We received 25 expressions of interest from practices covering the length and breadth of the country. We were delighted to see the enthusiasm for the initiative and are sorry that we are not able to directly support more providers in this way.

However, in the last couple of weeks, another Nurse Practitioner development and recruitment initiative has been announced. The University of Auckland, in partnership with the University of Otago, Mahitahi Hauora PHE, and the Fono (an Auckland Pacific health provider), have been awarded \$18.6m to deliver a nationwide Nurse Practitioner Training Programme (NPTP) and provide supported placements for Nurse Practitioners (and Enrolled Nurses) in primary health care settings with a substantive role in mental health and addiction.

The contract provides increased funding to deliver approximately 50 Nurse Practitioner training places per year. Māori, and Pacific students will be prioritised and will have additional academic, professional, and cultural support to progress from a clinical nursing postgraduate diploma to the NPTP and registration as a Nurse Practitioner.

With a focus on building social justice and equity in the health care system, the Nurse Practitioner workplace programme will support primary health care and community providers to establish Nurse Practitioner roles and deliver services to local communities, including to improve access to mental health and addiction services.

To express interest in these new schemes please contact Dr Sue Adams, National Coordinator, University of Auckland. s.adams@auckland.ac.nz

Thank you to all the providers who submitted applications to the New Zealand Rural General Practice Nurse Practitioner Recruitment Initiative.

For those practices who were either not successful in an application for our scheme or didn't apply but are interested in recruiting a Nurse Practitioner for your practice, we hope you will consider the opportunities coming up through the Auckland scheme. If that route doesn't work for your practice, please keep in touch with our NZLocums recruitment team as they will be very pleased to work with you to look at different options.

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