

CONFERENCE ABSTRACT

Kick Starting Integrated Primary and Community Health Systems in Taranaki

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Using Community based adult physical health services as a case study within Taranaki a provincial region of New Zealand this presentation will outline how a collaborative approach between Primary, Community and Hospital Services has developed new models of care.

This project aimed to

- Design a detailed model of integrated care for primary care and community health services
- Engage local general practice, clinicians, consumers, Maori Health, and Service Managers in the project leadership, development and agreement of the new integrated model
- Make an assessment of the costs and benefits of this model of care including the operational costs of implementation of the new model, impact on equity, benefits realisation
- Consider options for policy, contracting, funding and governance arrangements in a new model across the whole health system

The presentation will reflect on key findings from the project and the strength and limitations of the approach taken to date, and also provide an update on the service implementation

Keywords: community services; models of care; contracting and funding
