

Introducing Hauora Alliance (HA!)

The co-design approach to establishing what was originally dubbed the SI Public Health Alliance was completed at the fifth and final co-design workshop in December 2017. Those at the workshop agreed to name the new initiative (the South Island) 'Hauora Alliance' (HA). Hauora Alliance has the agreed vision of 'flourishing communities, whanau and individuals across the South Island'. The purpose is 'collaboration to enable and improve the hauora of South Island communities'.

The dual goals of Hauora Alliance are to:

- A) Develop joined up ways of working (system collaborative capacity – trust, knowledge and skills)
- B) Focus collectively on key South Island hauora issues.

A steering group has been formed, which includes: Helen Leahy from Te Pūtahitanga O Te Waipounamu, Sharon Torstonson from the Social Equity And Wellbeing Network; Simon Blatchford from the Ministry of Education; Cathy O'Malley from Nelson Marlborough DHB; Peter Burton from Nelson Marlborough Public Health, Keith Reid from Public Health South and Evon Currie from Community and Public Health. Leaders from the Ministry of Social Development and primary health sector will be included in the stakeholder group in the interim. The inclusion of leaders from the Territorial Local Authorities will continue to be sought. The first Steering Group meeting was held on 27 February, where it was confirmed that the initial project will focus on the first 1,000 days of life.

Reminder *The role of the South Island Public Health Partnership is not changed by the establishment of the Hauora Alliance. The two groups have distinct (yet connected) roles, with the Hauora Alliance progressing the public health of populations through cross-sector partnership, (when this is what is required to achieve the result) and the South Island Public Health Partnership progressing the core work of public health units..*

CHANGES TO SI PHP MANAGEMENT GROUP MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to Dr Stephen Bridgman



Dr Stephen Bridgman, recently appointed Clinical Director of Public Health at Nelson Marlborough DHB, has joined the SI PHP Management Group. A London born, Aberdeen trained clinician, Stephen brings a rich and varied clinical background which includes:

- Working as Medical Officer for British Antarctic Survey completing an MD on thermal status in Scuba divers, and then worked as a trauma surgeon in various Scottish cities.
- Training in public health in Liverpool, with some experience in The Gambia.
- First consultant role in 1995, which was a joint academic appointment with Keele University and North Staffordshire Health Authority (Stoke, England not Stoke Nelson!)
- Visiting public health consultant in Trinidad and Tobago.
- Director of Public Health Newcastle under Lyme, 2002 to 2007.
- Director of Public Health/Medical Officer of Health/ Chief Medical Officer, States of Guernsey, 2008 to 2017.
- Previously Secretary of Association of Directors of Public Health of UK

Stephen's outside interests include sport, including having played tennis for Guernsey (now Richmond) as well as competitive football, cricket and table tennis. Stephen is a water sports qualified Scuba diver and Coastal Yachting Skipper. In addition to this, Stephen is interested in conservation and wildlife and enjoys walking, especially the three brilliant national parks in Nelson Marlborough.

Thanks to Grant Pollard, Ministry of Health

We have been fortunate since June 2013 to have had the active support and participation of Grant Pollard from the Ministry of Health as a member of the SI Public Health Partnership Management Group. Grant has now resigned from membership of the Group due to his promotion to the national role of Group Manager, Operational Excellence, and Service Commissioning.

Healthy Weight and Active Lifestyles (HEAL) Workshop

A workshop was held in February to discuss how to support and strengthen the common work programmes of the South Island Public Health Units, in relation to healthy weight and active lifestyles. The workshop included health promotion leaders from the three South Island Public Health Units and was chaired by Peter Burton from Nelson Marlborough Public Health.

Participants discussed the current work that was being undertaken in each of their local areas and all agreed that they were interested in working closer together for mutual benefit. There was a desire to share resources and knowledge, with networking and advocacy being recognised as of great importance.

The following three priority areas for development of a regional approach were identified:

- Active Transport
- Healthy Food
- Project Energize/WAVE

South Island 'On Call' Working Group

A Working Group has been formed to review the after-hours/on-call arrangements for both Health Protection Officers and Medical Officers of Health across the South Island and identify opportunities and feasibility to make on-call cover more sustainable and aligned across the South Island. This issue was identified as a priority at the Alignment Workshop, held in 2017.

An initial workshop, which was chaired by Lynette Finnie from Public Health South, was held in February, at which the next steps needed regarding the development of the key enablers supporting quality after-hours services were identified. The key enablers identified include: a response framework, workforce planning, training and development and information systems.

This project is still at its initial stages, with a lot of conversation yet to happen. Staff will be consulted within a timely manner as and when any recommendations are developed.

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