



Nelson Marlborough, West Coast, Canterbury, South Canterbury, Southern

Te Waipounamu Māori Leadership Group

Key Messages

The Te Waipounamu Māori Leadership Group (TWMLG) met on 15th February 2019 with the following key messages from the meeting:

- TWMLGC is further developing how it monitors access and outcomes for Māori in cancer services, and will be receiving regular reporting on bowel and cervical screening, faster cancer treatment, and equity related activities undertaken by SCN, as well as reporting against its own workplan.
- TWMLGC endorsed an Equity Assessment Framework that will be applied to all SCN activities and planning to ensure that the equity in relation to SCN work is clearly understood and reducing inequity for Māori is a priority. TWMLGC notes the importance of training and ongoing support for staff to develop their capability to undertake these assessments.
- TWMLGC provided input on the development of a Supportive Cancer Care Directory that a project team from CDHB, St Georges and Cancer Society is working on. TWMLGC is supportive of resources that provide Māori with better access to information and prompt useful discussions with health professionals.
- Chair of TWMLGC, Sue Crengle, attended a national hui on the bowel screening age range for Māori. TWMLGC strongly supports the evidence-based approach taken and reiterates that in order to achieve equitable outcomes for Māori, priority needs to be placed on changing the age range for Māori to 50 years old.
- TWMLGC discussed their priorities to feed into the Southern Cancer Network planning for 2019/20. There was significant discussion about the pathway and barriers to Māori through primary care and around cultural competency of the health workforce. The Group agreed to five themes that need to be embedded through the SCN workplan:
 - Equity across everything SCN is working on
 - Ensuring equity of outcomes
 - Cultural competence of the workforce
 - Prevention and early detection
 - Equity focused monitoring and reporting, including articulating the equity gap more explicitly

The next meeting will be held on the 12th April 2019.