

Key Messages – Alliance Leadership Team (ALT)



Memo to:	Key South Island Alliance stakeholders
Purpose of memo:	To provide a brief summary of the key messages from the most recent South Island Alliance Leadership Team meeting.
ALT meeting date:	Monday 8 July 2019
1	<p>Group membership update</p> <p>ALT approved the following nominations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Vince Lambourne, Emergency Physician and Chair of the South Canterbury Trauma Committee, to join the South Island Major Trauma Workstream as the South Canterbury DHB representative • Gilbert Taurua, Chief Maori Strategy and Improvement Officer at Southern DHB, to join the South Island Public Health Partnership as Māori representative.
2	<p>Regional support</p> <p>ALT discussed current challenges in relation to winter wellness, emergency department admissions, pressure on resources and staff wellbeing. These challenges are being experienced around the region and reflect a significantly more challenging flu season than the last two to three years.</p>
3	<p>Information Services SLA (ISSLA) update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALT supported a scoping exercise for an independent review into how technology operational governance will be managed across the South Island health system. • Canterbury DHB maternity services are now using the South Island Patient Information Care System (SI PICS). SI PICS provides a single record of patient activity, and is used to manage inpatient activities and outpatient appointments, waiting lists, admissions and discharges, and alerts and allergies. It has been successfully implemented in Canterbury and Nelson Marlborough DHBs, with go-live dates for the remaining DHBs to be confirmed.
4	<p>South Island Health Services Plan</p> <p>The South Island Health Services Plan (HSP) has been finalised. It will be submitted to the South Island Alliance Board for final review and then to the Ministry of Health. The HSP sets the strategic direction of the region for the next three to five years, in line with national and local priorities. The final version will be distributed following Board sign off.</p>
5	<p>South Island Alliance Programme Office</p> <p>ALT acknowledged the following staff members have accepted six-month secondments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anna Foese, Well Child Tamariki Ora Quality Improvement Project Manager, seconded to the Ministry of Health as portfolio manager in the Population Health and Prevention business unit • Ann Shaw, Sudden Unexplained Death in Infancy Coordinator, seconded to South Canterbury DHB as interim practice manager for a new primary birthing unit in Timaru.
6	<p>Southern Cancer Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ministry of Health’s national cancer action plan is due to be released soon and will be followed by confirmation of how it is to be implemented nationally, regionally and locally. In the interim, Ministry funding for the Southern Cancer Network has been rolled over for 12 months. • ALT approved \$100K expenditure for 2019/20 to further develop the South Island Multidisciplinary Meeting System. This electronic system provides real-time documentation of clinical discussions and recommendations from multidisciplinary meetings for cancer patients. It was developed in Southern DHB and is accessible across the region via Health Connect South. This will complete three years of system development, and enable changes to strengthen regional alignment and reporting, and system enhancement. An implementation review will be undertaken to capture the use and utility of the system, along with an assessment of the benefits.

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