**DISABILITY WORKING GROUP**

**Key Messages April 2022**

Members: John Marrable (Chair), Jasmin Taylor, Simon Fogarty, George Kerr, Te Aroha Springford

Standing members: William Robertson, Kathryn Harkin, Jack Devereux

Apologies: Mel Warhurst

Guests: James Goodwin, Glenda Auton, Sam Murray, Mary Ann Hughes

The Disability Working Group members met on Friday 8 April 2022.

* Update received on the Accessibility Audit which was done in March on the Dunedin Hospital COVD checking entrance – 32 actions came out of this.
* Actions undertaken so far as a result include improving signage at entrances. Other actions are ongoing.
* Disability Awareness Training being planned for those staff working at the entrance.
* Audit of Invercargill Hospital Covid checking entrance planned for 22 April.
* Members highlighted the importance of communication around any changes to access to the hospital. Suggestion of a video to demonstrate entrance procedures.
* Members received an update on Nga Paewera – the new Health and Disability Standards, and the key sections measured under this
* Attention to be given to how there can be further action with this, particularly in regard to patient tracer audits
* Members learned about Parent to Parent, a nationwide organisation. The organisation supports parents of children with disabilities, and family members and runs support groups across the district at no cost to parents. It aims to connect parents with other parents in a similar situation.