

# Clinical Council Summary Notes

**Thursday 10 September 2020**

*The Clinical Council is a committee of the Southern DHB. It is the principal interprofessional clinical governance and leadership advisory group for the DHB. It puts patient safety and quality of care at the centre of all decision-making at every level of Southern DHB Services.*

- A Charter has been developed for all Clinical Council members to sign-up to as members which outlines their commitments and rules of engagement as members of this Council.
- The Clinical Council will be seeking expressions of interests for two new members 'Rising Stars' to be members of the Council. This will be advertised in the coming week.
- The Council is finalising their workplan for 20/21, which will be put up on the website once it is completed
- The Chair of the COVID-19 Technical Advisory Group (TAG), Dr Nigel Miller provided an update to the Clinical Council on how this group operated since being formed in February 2020. This committee will continue to have a linkage with the Clinical Council.
- A draft Service Level Accountability Pack was reviewed by members and will be coming out to services to have input on in 2021.
- Clinical Council members reviewed data on harm occurring to Older People when they are in the care of Southern DHB. Council members believe this should be a priority area to focus on going forward and more information around actions to address this will come out in the coming months.
- The Community Health Council (CHC) provided an overview of who and what this Council is. A key focus of engaging community, whānau and patients in projects that are occurring across the Southern health system has grown significantly. The Council is keen to review feedback from both staff and CHC advisors engaged with this work to ensure that the organisation is genuinely listening and working in partnership and not simply ticking a box. The CHC has been working with the Health Quality and Safety Commission on a new Quality Safety Marker focussed in consumer engagement. The DHB will report on this in the coming year.

Tim MacKay, Chair Clinical Council

**Date of next meeting – Thursday 8 October 2020**

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