

Clinical Council Summary Notes

Thursday 15 April 2021

The Clinical Council is a committee of the Southern DHB. It is the principal inter-professional 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.

The Clinical Council oversee a number of sub-committees and work streams with a work plan outlining frequency of updates. Sub-committee minutes are appended to each meeting enabling the council to oversee the work and ask further questions if required. Committee minutes included each month are:

- Mortality Review
- Clinical Practice
- Medicines Management
- Infection Prevention and Control.

Frailty and Critically Unwell steering group minutes will soon be included, with more committees to be added during this year.

During the Clinical Council meeting sub-committee Chairs provide updates in person to the council as part of the work programme.

Key points from the meeting:

Infection Prevention & Control Committee

- The committee terms of reference and membership have been refreshed this year to include broader representation across services and the District including Aged Residential Care, Rural hospitals, and Anti-microbial Stewardship

The Terms of Reference have been revised -

<https://pulse.southerndhb.govt.nz/sites/MIDASpub/SitePages/ViewDoc.aspx?doc=55296>

- An ID Physician is the new Chair of the committee.

New Consumer Experience Manager

- Our new Consumer Experience Manager commenced work with Southern DHB in 2021 to provide strategic and operational leadership on improving consumer and whānau experience. This will include learning from feedback, both positive and negative, leading the implementation of the disability action plan and ensuring the consumer voice is at every table. Engaging consumers in service design, service planning and in improvement activities will help ensure we build a sustainable consumer centric health system.

Screening for Violence Intervention

- The VIP team presented findings from a recent audit on our current status with violence intervention.
- The Clinical Council would like to remind all staff to attend VIP training

Consumer Engagement Quality & Safety Marker (QSM)

- The HQSC (<https://www.hqsc.govt.nz/our-programmes/partners-in-care/consumer-engagement-qsm>) have published a QSM for consumer engagement. The Community Health Council are overseeing the development and implementation of

this work, based on the SURE framework published in 2020 (also shown in link above).

Under development

- The Quality & Clinical Governance Team are developing a hub (SharePoint site) for staff to access information about quality and clinical governance. It will include information about and from our committees, the service level accountability framework and many other tools and tricks.

Clinical Council terms of reference

- For the most recent terms of reference see MIDAS 84001.

More information about the Clinical Council can be found [here](#) or email clinicalcouncil@southerndhb.govt.nz

Next meeting of the Clinical Council – Thursday 13 May 2021