

DISABILITY WORKING GROUP

Key Messages June 2021

Members: John Marrable (Chair), Jasmin Taylor, Simon Fogarty, George, William Todd

Standing members: Mel Warhurst, Andy Crossman, William Robertson, Sam Potter

In attendance: Doug Funnell, Charlotte Adank

Apologies: Sharron Adler

The Disability Working Group members met on Friday 11 June 2021.

- Members reviewed the action list of items that were discussed at the May meeting.
- The Chair, John Marrable updated members that he had presented at the Disability Support Advisory Committee (DSAC) on May 19 and provided an update on the first meeting of the Disability Working Group.
- The final Terms of Reference for the Disability Working Group were reviewed by members and will be uploaded to the Southern health website disability page.
- The Disability Working Group had an update from Mel Warhurst about a pilot programme that planned for Dunedin administration around an Accessibility Game - led by Julie Woods. Members agreed that with this pilot it would be important to evaluate what staff learnt from this activity. The Working Group will develop some questions to ask the 20 participants once they had completed their activities before the end of July.
- Members reviewed actions that had been outlined in the Disability Strategy and common themes were identified by all members as important. It was agreed a lot of items interconnected for example if staff awareness of disability issues was raised, this could lead onto being a more successful employer of people with disabilities and therefore becoming more aware of issues from IT, accessibility perspective.
- Members discussed whether the covid vaccination rollout should be identified as a priority in the Action Plan that would be developed. The following areas ranked highly with all members:
 - Disability Awareness training for staff
 - Physical accessibility
 - Recruitment process
 - Patient / Whānau engagement

Next meeting: 9 July 2021

Further information about the Disability Strategy can be found on the Southern Health website <https://www.southernhealth.nz/disability-strategy>
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