

DISABILITY WORKING GROUP

Key Messages 14 January 2022

In attendance: John Marrable (chair), Simon Fogarty, George Kerr, Jasmin Taylor, William Robertson, Mel Warhurst, Kathryn Harkin, Jack Devereux

- A letter was received by the Chair which raised concerns on behalf of a representative group of parents of disabled children from Invercargill and sought engagement from DWG. This was discussed by the group, alongside another communication received recently from a patient with a disabled support person. Some potential solutions identified in the letter for DWG to progress.
- DWG discussed how digitising the current MOH Health Passport could look. Concerns raised that mental health patients in particular would be less enthusiastic about a digital version. Questions were raised around how to get the info in front of relevant staff within the current Patient Management System and with the new system due in 2023. It was identified that a physical copy would still be helpful, albeit in a much more portable version than currently. DWG members identified that it would be important that consumers are able to update their information easily themselves.
- DWG was asked for input into how to capture a more rural membership. It was suggested that rural GP's be engaged with to support this. The group also identified that it was important that the public be able to feed back to DWG directly.
- DWG was updated on the action point "All projects that request community engagement will, in addition to a community advisor, be provided with a member of the disabled community."

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