

Key Messages February 2022

- Service Manager from Southern Blood and Cancer Service provided a sound, current overview of the service and the pastoral care of outsourced patients was discussed
- Some community concern was raised about the move of Physiotherapy and Rheumatology to the Fraser Building, especially for those using the Total Mobility taxi service and the access points – CHC will investigate and provide information to the transport provider to ensure people are taken to the correct and accessible entrance
- A patient story was shared about lack of access to and support for mental health care over the holiday period in the Central Otago/Lakes district – CHC notes this service is under review and CEO C Fleming advised of the significant investment into this service/region
- Members updated about changes to consumer engagement in Health NZ and Māori Health Authority
- CEO of SDHB updated members about Covid-19 in Southern, preparations and likely scenarios. CHC members were asked to support the need for vaccinations, boosters and the wearing of masks
- CEO agreed to advance the need for a speed hump at the ED/Gt King St entrance/exit and apologised it had not been done before now
- CHC was informed about the Locality prototype
- DWG chair updated CHC on their activities - still reports of inappropriate and inadequate communication for disabled patients
- CHC members will be working on any outstanding reviews and/or composing of CHC documents
- Symposium 2022 discussion – likely to be late May/early June and on line only

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