

Summary Notes –Thursday 24 March 2022

Key notes from the meeting:

- The Committee welcomed: Linda Ryan – Director of Nursing Southland, Adam McLeay – Medical Director, Southland, Philip Davis and Matthew Thompson-Fawcett – Surgical Directors and Mata Cherrington, Māori Health Strategy & Improvement. We also sadly farewelled Susan Weggary from the Committee, we thank her for her contributions to the Council in general and rural patients in particular.
- We had a great presentation from Tui Smith and Kathryn Harkin on The Kōrero Mai programme. This is one of the 3 components of the HQSC patient deterioration programme. The purpose is to provide a clear framework for patients and whānau to escalate concerns they may have to the clinical team. This is crucial mahi and the council strongly endorsed this programme.
- We had an update again from Tui Smith feeding back the results of the local clinical governance survey. Whilst there is good work occurring across the DHB it is patchy and governance literacy could be greatly improved. This underpins the need for a structured organisation wide approach and the Council is working closely with the Quality team and ELT to embed this.
- The Directors of Nursing (DONs) were joined by the Patient flow manager for the Dunedin site Megan Boivin. They explained how nursing resource is allocated in a real time manner and we gained an insight into the complexity of running the hospital with limited staffing. It was noted the time commitment from the DONs in this space and how this impacted on their wider role. Solutions which free them up need to be considered.
- We were joined by Ohad Dar chairman of the Otago Simulations Committee. He gave us an overview of their activity. How they support our DHB and in particular how they had supported the COVID response. The OSC were keen to strengthen their governance links to the council and work to develop the utilisation of simulation as a tool to improve the care we deliver and the manner in which it is delivered.
- We again reviewed the top 15 risks and will refocus on this area in our next meeting which will encompass our quarterly risk register review.
- Finally, we were joined by Patrick O'Connor Quality and Performance Improvement Manager presented to the Council an overview of Health Roundtable Data. This is outcome data bench marked against peers in Aotearoa and Australia. This allows us to assess our performance and look for areas of concern as well as highlighting excellence. As a council we wish to bring this insight closer to the clinical teams, to allow them to understand their practice and identify opportunities to improve patient outcomes.



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We will be meeting again on the 28th of April and we hope you get chance for a break over Easter.