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Health Care Home

Latest news

Three Hawke's Bay practices have made the decision to work with Health Hawke's Bay to become 'Health Care Home' practices.

The three practices are: Hauora Heretaunga (Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga), Te Mata Peak Practice and Totara Health.

The first steps towards full implementation have included working through the financial implications of becoming a Health Care Home practice, led by Chris Peck.

Mr Peck, a Health Care Home change facilitator from Northland, developed a financial modelling tool for his home region. It has since been used nationally to assist practices adopting the Health Care Home model to understand the implications and opportunities of the model.

Other workshops and meetings have focused on where participating practices are now and the changes they might put in place to become an effective Health Care Home; introducing whole practice teams to the model; change management processes; developing a practice improvement plan; and community engagement.

Once those plans are in place, each practice will make its own decision on when to "go live" with the new model.

Potentially, the practices will make the changes incrementally focusing on one particular element, for example better managing urgent unplanned care.