

**Memorandum of Understanding agreement reached
between Health Hawke's Bay and The Royal New Zealand
College of General Practitioners**



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Hawke's Bay Faculty, The Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners (The Faculty) and Health Hawke's Bay Limited (HHB) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) today to record the parties' desire, goodwill, and commitment to collaborate on issues of mutual interest and responsibility.

The agreement focuses on the workforce development and maintenance of Hawke's Bay General Practitioners, education and training, and pastoral support.

Health Hawke's Bay Pou Whakarae Chief Executive Officer Irihāpeti Mahuika is delighted to finalise the partnership that will centre on high level outcomes.

"This is to ensure equitable access and sustainable healthcare for our Hawke's Bay whānau and communities.

"We want to undertake activities that are tangible, time framed, impactful, and mutually beneficial to our respective interests and responsibilities."

The partnership is also a chance to explore new ideas and opportunities that will help deliver a stronger workforce.

Mahuika says HHB will provide and fund appropriate resources such as data collection, report writing, and options analysis to support the Working Group.

"The objective of the MoU will be to mutually establish clear, achievable objectives for working together and ensuring both parties are aware of the current workplan with regular reporting of progression."

All members of The Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners belong to a regional faculty, led by an executive team of volunteer GPs.

For The Faculty, their purpose includes supporting local members of the college, foster collegiality through social events, support opportunities for training and development of general practitioners.

HHB is the Primary Health Organisation (PHO) for the Hawke's Bay region.

Under a PHO Service Agreement with Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand, we are required to support its enrolled population and other eligible persons to stay well, contribute to ensure the clinical and financial sustainability of the Hawke's Bay health system, and ensure that its enrolled population and other eligible persons receive quality, easy-to-access care.