

### FUNDING PACKAGE TO SUPPORT TELEHEALTH SERVICES

Good News! The DHBs and MoH recognise the value the critical role Primary Care is playing and continue to play in the COVID-19 response and are providing general practices across NZ funding to implement clinical telehealth services.

The first part of this funding package is a one-off bulk payment of \$3.4 million to be distributed to all general practices to assist them to deliver digitally enabled health services and to enable digitally excluded populations to consume these services.

The payment has been calculated for each general practice using patient numbers as at 1 July 2020 and is based on the following:

- \$0.90 per high needs patient (Māori, Pacific, Q5 and/or over 65 years)
- \$0.30 for other patients
- \$1,000 minimum payment for each practice
- \$2,000 additional for practices with >50% high needs

Karo is creating the payment schedule and you can expect your practice allocation late next week.

We will be required to report on how this funding is being invested (Feb and Aug 2021) by the following categories:

- Hardware
- Software (virtual consults, telehealth)
- Broadband expansion
- Practice team education
- Technical support

There will be a second part of this funding package going to DHBs. A proportion of this will be allocated to practices with a high proportion of Māori Patients, VLCA and rural Practices.

### MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF HEALTH – DR ASHLEY BLOOMFIELD

Please see attachment (1) for message from the Director-General of Health – Dr Ashley Bloomfield.

### LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ASHLEY AND HIS RESPONSE

Recently, Drs Jeff Lowe and Jo Scott-Jones from the Clinical Leaders Forum wrote to Ashley acknowledging his leadership in managing COVID-19. Attachment (2) is his response.

### GPNZ PANUI 17 HEPETEMA 2020

GPNZ, the General Practice Advocacy and Support organisation that Auckland PHO belongs to have published their fortnightly newsletter

<https://gpnz.org.nz/news/gpnz-newsletter-september-17-2020/>

### QUICK SURVEY SERIES 7

The input to this survey from GPNZ network has been substantial and is really helping to build a picture. The results are now going directly to the MoH and is a way for practice staff to have their voices heard.

Please complete the most recent survey via this link:

[Click here for survey 7](#)

### NEW PREGNANCY ASSESSMENT TOOL – GEN 2040/BEST START

Coming to Auckland PHO Practices..... The pregnancy assessment tool will soon be found in your PMS. It will provide Practice Nurses and GPs with additional decision support to enable consistent comprehensive best practice assessment of health and wellbeing needs of a hāpū māmā/pregnant woman and her pēpi/baby throughout the pregnancy utilising appropriate enquiry, investigations, management and referral to support services.

The Best Start Pregnancy tool has been funded by the MoH and constructed by an expert group who have considered what constitutes best practice in pregnancy care in New Zealand and consolidates this in one tool. The Best Start Pregnancy Tool has built-in decision support, enabling identification of issues and early intervention, which ultimately will improve health and wellbeing outcomes for hāpū māmā and pēpi. The date for installation is yet to be confirmed (but soon!)

A CME/CNE Zoom meeting to demonstrate what the tool can do has been arranged for

**Date: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020**

**Time: 6.30 pm**

**Presented by Dr Christine McIntosh (GP and Clinical Lead)**

To register, email [priscilla@aucklandpho.co.nz](mailto:priscilla@aucklandpho.co.nz) - Register soon as numbers are limited

### GP AND NP VACANCY

Need a break from your workplace?  
Want to experience primary health care on Waiheke Island?

Waiheke Medical Centre is looking for a GP or NP for the month of October. The work will be 3 days per week, covering mostly Acutes & Some General med. Ferry Travel is included.

Please contact Jayme Kitiona if you are interested

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