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TO ALL PROVIDERS

Dear All

The damaged state of the health care infrastructure after the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes, along with the rapidly changing pattern of population across the city represent a need and an opportunity to accelerate and expand plans for improving our primary health care.

The situation in Christchurch requires a shift towards new models for primary care and community based services including Integrated Family Health Centres (IFHCs) on a much faster and more comprehensive scale than had previously been envisaged.

Addressing these needs in a timely fashion is essential both for the recovery of health services in Christchurch, and for the effective future configuration of integrated family health centres and community based services. Rapid action at this stage will develop a comprehensive infrastructure of new primary care networks and integrated family health care facilities which can serve a generation of Christchurch residents.

I am writing to you to ask if there are groups of General Practices, Pharmacists and other primary care providers ready to work with us to develop an improved approach to primary care, by participation in a primary care development project.

Goal of the project

The overall goal for the project is to develop a different service model and physical configuration of health services and facilities in primary care. Specifically, the output from the project will be the development of business cases for Integrated Family Health Care Centre and network developments across Canterbury.

How it will happen

IFHC and network developments will require detailed engagement with health care professionals and business owners from across the sector, and the specification of models of care at a detailed level. This work will enable the specific service and facility design, and options analysis needed for an effective business case. The first Integrated Family Health Centre developments will start working with the Ministry of Health consortium from 10 June.

Professionals and organisations who wish to participate in developments are presently indicating their interest. Others might be interested in the future. **Those interested who have not already made contact, and who wish to find out more should contact Kate Miller: kate@ccnweb.org.nz.**

This is an important development for the Canterbury Health system. I look forward to working with groups of professionals from across the health sector to continue the journey towards integrated health services for the people of Canterbury.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Meates', written in a cursive style.

David Meates
Chief Executive