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Healthy, thriving communities, Kia Momoho Te Hāpori Ōranga.



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Performance Update

I want to share with you an update which has recently been released by the Ministry of Health.

The Government has directed the Ministry to develop a new set of performance measures to replace the Health Targets. The focus of these measures will be on population health outcomes.

The Ministry will be considering the following criteria in developing them. They will:

- be a mix of health system and population health improvement measures
- align with government priorities, for example, child wellbeing and mental health
- be quantified and timed
- feature an availability of data to monitor progress
- involve sector engagement and support
- have a focus on health issues with alignment to socio-economic determinants.

Once the new measures are announced and finalised, they will be regularly reported on to the public.

The Ministry will develop these new measures over the next six months and will aim to have them in place in early 2019.

While work is underway to develop these new measures DHBs will continue to report to the Ministry against the current set of health targets.

How has the BOPDHB performed recently?

Whilst this work has been underway we, as a DHB, have been reporting on the existing six health targets as normal and I wanted to bring you up to date with our performance. In doing so, I think it's important to keep in mind that 18 months ago we were achieving just one of the six targets.

In Q1, Q2 and Q3 of 2017/18 we achieved four out of the six health targets in each quarter. The Q4 reporting has not been finalised as yet but indications show that we have achieved five out of six targets. Those achieved are Shorter Stays in Emergency Departments, Improved Access to Elective Surgery, Faster Cancer Treatment, Better Help for Smokers to Quit, and Raising Healthy Kids; with just Increased Immunisation not achieved.

That's a wonderful result and I want to thank you for all your hard work. The health impact for our population is significant.

Harkness Fellowship Event

I recently attended a Harkness Fellowship event which invited Fellows from the last 20 years to come together for a series of panels and keynote addresses, as well as a reflection on the Fellowship itself, where it stands and what impact the research it undertakes has had on policy and practice.

I was invited to sit on two panels, patient and family-centred care, and another reflecting on my fellowship experience.

Patient and family-centred care

I was asked to sit on the patient and family-centred care panel because of my research into advance care planning. I also took the opportunity to share some examples of patient, family and whānau centred care initiatives in the Bay, and how these have helped change the way staff and clinicians see things from a patient's perspective.

One campaign I spoke about, Let's Get Moving, which took place in September last year, sparked huge interest. For those who don't recall, this was the campaign which highlighted the debilitating impact on patients of spending long periods in bed.

Key themes of the campaign included a focus on getting patients dressed in their normal clothes again as soon as possible and staying active. Hospital staff wore their pyjamas for the day in order to showcase the issue and launch the campaign.

As I say, the interest shown in it by Harkness attendees was really heartening. The set-up of the Harkness event was such that a number of panels were being run simultaneously. Many of those who had been unable to attend my talk came up to me in the breaks throughout the day asking me about "the pyjama thing". People were really taken with it, and asking when the published paper would be available.

It was great to be able to share some of the really great things we're doing in the Bay and wonderful to see the level of international interest in it.



Staff get into the spirit of the Let's get Moving campaign last September.

A final word to say that if anyone is interested in undertaking a Harkness Fellowship I would encourage them to learn more about it at:

www.commonwealthfund.org/about-harkness-fellowship

Feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss it at all.

"There's no good idea that cannot be improved on."

Michael Eisner (born March 7, 1942) American businessman, former Walt Disney and Paramount Pictures CEO.