

**Reprint  
as at 27 June 2017**



## **Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity—Mercy Hospital) Notice 2012**

(SR 2012/171)

Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity—Mercy Hospital) Notice 2012: revoked, on 27 June 2017, pursuant to section 54(4) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (2003 No 48).

Pursuant to section 54 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, the Minister of Health, being satisfied of the matters set out in section 54(3) of that Act, gives the following notice.

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### **Notice**

**1 Title**

This notice is the Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity—Mercy Hospital) Notice 2012.

**2 Commencement**

This notice comes into force on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*.

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**Note**

Changes authorised by subpart 2 of Part 2 of the Legislation Act 2012 have been made in this official reprint.  
Note 4 at the end of this reprint provides a list of the amendments incorporated.

**This notice is administered by the Ministry of Health.**

**3 Declaration of protected quality assurance activity**

The Mercy Hospital Quality Assurance Activity described in the Schedule is a protected quality assurance activity.

**4 Revocation**

The Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity: Mercy Hospital Surgical Audit) Notice 2007 (SR 2007/142) is revoked.

**Schedule****Description of Mercy Hospital Quality Assurance Activity**

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**1 Interpretation**

In this schedule,—

**activity** means the Mercy Hospital Quality Assurance Activity described in clause 4

**Mercy Hospital** means Mercy Hospital Dunedin Limited

**participant** means a health practitioner who—

- (a) provides health services at Mercy Hospital; and
- (b) is participating in the activity.

**2 Objective**

The objective of the activity is to improve the practices and competence of participants by assessing the health services performed by them.

**3 Information**

The activity is based on information derived from participants.

**4 Activity**

The activity involves—

- (a) collecting and collating, in respect of all surgical procedures undertaken at Mercy Hospital, information on morbidity, mortality, and complications arising from the procedures undertaken; and
- (b) preparing reports on the basis of that information; and
- (c) participating in surgical audit meetings convened to review cases and discuss issues arising from the reports referred to in paragraph (b); and
- (d) participating in meetings of the Anaesthetic Department of Mercy Hospital to review and discuss anaesthetic complications arising from surgery; and

- (e) making recommendations on how participants can improve their performance so as to—
  - (i) improve the quality of services provided at Mercy Hospital; and
  - (ii) reduce the potential for complications to arise from surgical procedures undertaken; and
- (f) facilitating and monitoring the implementation of any such recommendations.

Dated at Wellington this 27th day of June 2012.

Hon Tony Ryall,  
Minister of Health.

### **Explanatory note**

*This note is not part of the notice, but is intended to indicate its general effect.*

This notice, which comes into force on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*, declares the Mercy Hospital Quality Assurance Activity to be a protected quality assurance activity. The effect of this declaration is that—

- any information that becomes known solely as a result of the activity is confidential; and
- any documents brought into existence solely for the purposes of the activity are confidential; and
- the persons who engage in the activity in good faith are immune from civil liability.

The protections afforded by this notice are subject to certain statutory exceptions. For example, this notice does not prohibit the disclosure of information that does not identify, either expressly or by implication, a particular individual.

Under section 54(4) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, this notice remains in force for a period of 5 years after the date on which it is issued, unless it is sooner revoked.

This notice revokes the Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity: Mercy Hospital Surgical Audit) Notice 2007, which has expired.

## Reprints notes

### **1** *General*

This is a reprint of the Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity—Mercy Hospital) Notice 2012 that incorporates all the amendments to that notice as at the date of the last amendment to it.

### **2** *Legal status*

Reprints are presumed to correctly state, as at the date of the reprint, the law enacted by the principal enactment and by any amendments to that enactment. Section 18 of the Legislation Act 2012 provides that this reprint, published in electronic form, has the status of an official version under section 17 of that Act. A printed version of the reprint produced directly from this official electronic version also has official status.

### **3** *Editorial and format changes*

Editorial and format changes to reprints are made using the powers under sections 24 to 26 of the Legislation Act 2012. See also <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/editorial-conventions/>.

### **4** *Amendments incorporated in this reprint*

Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (2003 No 48): section 54(4)