

**Reprint
as at 20 October 2014**



**Health Practitioners (Quality
Assurance Activities—Waikato
DHB) Notice 2009**

(SR 2009/338)

Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activities—Waikato DHB) Notice 2009: revoked, on 20 October 2014, 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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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.

Notice

1 Title

This notice is the Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activities—Waikato DHB) Notice 2009.

2 Commencement

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

3 Declaration of protected quality assurance activities

Each of the following quality assurance activities described in the Schedule is a protected quality assurance activity:

- (a) Waikato DHB Management of Events;
- (b) Waikato DHB Clinical Audit;
- (c) Waikato DHB Mortality and Morbidity Review.

4 Revocation

The Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity: Waikato District Health Board) Notice 2004 (SR 2004/260) is revoked.

Schedule

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Description of Waikato DHB quality assurance activities

1 Interpretation

In this schedule,—

event means a process or practice that resulted, nearly resulted, or could have resulted in an adverse outcome for patients

participant means a health practitioner who—

- (a) is employed by Waikato DHB, is authorised by Waikato DHB to provide health services, or has an access agreement with Waikato DHB; and
- (b) is participating in one of the quality assurance activities described in clauses 4 to 6

Waikato DHB means the Waikato district health board established by or under section 19(1) of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000.

2 Objective

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

3 Information

The activities are based on information derived from the participants.

4 Waikato DHB Management of Events

The Waikato DHB Management of Events quality assurance activity involves—

- (a) identifying, researching, and analysing any event; and
- (b) examining the records of patients involved in any event; and
- (c) preparing reports that review, summarise, or identify trends in the information obtained under either or both of paragraphs (a) and (b); and
- (d) holding meetings to discuss—
 - (i) the information obtained under either or both of paragraphs (a) and (b); and
 - (ii) the reports prepared under paragraph (c); and
- (e) documenting the meetings described in paragraph (d); and
- (f) making recommendations on how participants can improve their practices and competence so as to—
 - (i) improve the quality of care they provide; and
 - (ii) reduce the incidence of events; and
- (g) facilitating and monitoring the implementation of recommendations described in paragraph (f).

5 Waikato DHB Clinical Audit

The Waikato DHB Clinical Audit quality assurance activity involves—

- (a) conducting clinical audits on any aspect of clinical practice or clinical service delivery; and
- (b) preparing reports that review, summarise, or identify trends in the information obtained under paragraph (a); and
- (c) making recommendations on how participants can improve their practices and competence so as to improve clinical outcomes and patient safety; and
- (d) facilitating and monitoring the implementation of recommendations described in paragraph (c); and
- (e) preparing reports on any of the actions described in paragraphs (c) and (d).

6 Waikato DHB Mortality and Morbidity Review

The Waikato DHB Mortality and Morbidity Review quality assurance activity involves—

- (a) examining patient records; and
- (b) conducting case reviews; and
- (c) analysing, with a focus on morbidity and mortality issues, the following data on patients:
 - (i) admission and discharge;
 - (ii) morbidity;
 - (iii) mortality;
 - (iv) outcomes of treatment; and
- (d) holding meetings to discuss the results obtained under any or all of paragraphs (a) to (c); and
- (e) documenting the meetings described in paragraph (d); and
- (f) making recommendations on how participants can improve their practices and competence so as to improve clinical outcomes and patient safety; and
- (g) facilitating and monitoring the implementation of recommendations described in paragraph (f).

Dated at Wellington this 20th day of October 2009.

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 3 quality assurance activities sponsored by the Waikato DHB to be protected quality assurance activities. The effect of this declaration is that—

- any information that becomes known solely as a result of the activities is confidential; and
- any documents brought into existence solely for the purposes of the activities are confidential; and
- the persons who engage in the activities 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: Waikato District Health Board) Notice 2004, which has expired.

Reprints notes

1 *General*

This is a reprint of the Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activities—Waikato DHB) Notice 2009 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)
