

**Reprint
as at 6 December 2019**



Health Practitioners (Protected Quality Assurance Activity—Compass Health) Notice 2015

(LI 2015/21)

Health Practitioners (Protected Quality Assurance Activity—Compass Health) Notice 2015: revoked,
on 6 December 2019, by clause 5 of the Health Practitioners (Protected Quality Assurance Activity—
Tū Ora Compass Health) Notice 2019 (LI 2019/300).

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

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Notice

1 Title

This notice is the Health Practitioners (Protected Quality Assurance Activity—Compass Health) Notice 2015.

2 Commencement

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

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 Revocation of this notice

This notice is revoked on 2 February 2020.

4 Interpretation

In this notice, **specified health practitioner** means a health practitioner who receives management support and clinical governance from Compass Health.

5 Declaration of protected quality assurance activities

The following quality assurance activities are protected to the extent that they are undertaken by Compass Health in relation to specified health practitioners:

- (a) conducting clinical audits to review the clinical practice of specified health practitioners and comparing the results of those audits as between individual specified health practitioners; and
- (b) holding peer review meetings to review—
 - (i) individual patient cases; and
 - (ii) clinical management practices; and
 - (iii) systems and processes; and
 - (iv) any other matters relating to work as a specified health practitioner; and
- (c) identifying and analysing any process or practice that may, but need not, have resulted in an adverse outcome for patients; and
- (d) making recommendations on how specified health practitioners can improve their practices and competence so as to—
 - (i) improve the quality of health services they provide; and
 - (ii) improve outcomes for patients; and
 - (iii) reduce the incidence of adverse outcomes; and
- (e) facilitating and monitoring the implementation of recommendations described in paragraph (d).

6 Revocation

The Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity—Compass Health Wellington Trust) Notice 2010 (SR 2010/8) is revoked.

Dated at Wellington this 9th day of February 2015.

Hon Jonathan Coleman,
Minister of Health.

Explanatory note

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

This notice comes into force on the day after its notification in the *Gazette*. It declares the quality assurance activities described in *clause 5* to be protected. Quality assurance activities are activities that are undertaken to improve the practices or competence of health practitioners by assessing the health services performed by those practitioners. The effect of protecting a quality assurance activity 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.

This notice is revoked on 2 February 2020.

This notice revokes the Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity—Compass Health Wellington Trust) Notice 2010.

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2012.
Date of notification in *Gazette*: 12 February 2015.

Reprints notes

1 *General*

This is a reprint of the Health Practitioners (Protected Quality Assurance Activity—Compass Health) Notice 2015 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 (Protected Quality Assurance Activity—Tū Ora Compass Health) Notice 2019 (LI 2019/300): clause 5