

Aide-Mémoire

Meeting with Council of Medical Colleges

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Details of meeting: Wednesday, 27th March 2024, 7.30pm to 8.15pm via Teams

Purpose of meeting: The Council of Medical Colleges (CMC) has requested to meet with you and discuss your priorities for this year, with some time set aside for questions from CMC.

Comment: **Meeting with Council of Medical Colleges and Q&A**

- The CMC represents 17 medical colleges in New Zealand. The CMC plays a vital role in influencing our training capacity and shaping our pathways for future workforce.
- Allison Bennett (GM, Health System Settings) and Joe Bourne (Chief Medical Officer) will be present at the meeting to support you in your discussion, if needed.
- This aide-mémoire provides you with:
 - background information on the meeting (**Appendix One**)
 - talking points on your priorities for health, workforce and work programme (**Appendix Two**)
 - Questions and Answers (Q&A) to support you with indicated areas the CMC may like to discuss (**Appendix Three**).
- The CMC has asked you to speak about the Government's priorities for health and indicated it would like a substantive question and answer session for members. The CMC has indicated that the following topics might be raised:
 - equity
 - workforce challenges
 - public health
 - pandemic preparation and COVID-19 burden

- investment in preventative care
- upcoming reviews.
- Key issues of interest to CMC are patient safety, medical training, and workforce. The CMC supports increasing the number of home-grown health practitioners and medical students, retention of existing staff, support for international migrants, admission schemes such as Māori and Pacific Admission Scheme (MAPAS) and achieving equitable health outcomes for Māori and all New Zealanders.
- The CMC has previously raised concerns in a briefing to you (Briefing to the Incoming Minister – 12/05/2023), including the disestablishment of Māori Health Authority | Te Aka Whai Ora (MHA), repealing of the Smoke Free Environments Act and Therapeutic Products Act, and maintaining the stance on banning direct to consumer advertising of prescription medicines under the Therapeutic Products Act.
- The CMC may also raise concerns about surgical trainees' training experiences and ensuring enough training exposure and right-fit training expectations for the New Zealand context.



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Group Manager, Health System Settings
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Appendix One: Background information on the Council of Medical Colleges

Table 1

The CMC represents 17 medical colleges:

Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM)
Australasian College of Sport and Exercise Physicians (ACSEP)
Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists and Faculty of Pain Medicine (ANZCA)
College of Intensive Care Medicine of Australia and New Zealand (CICM)
The New Zealand College of Musculoskeletal Medicine (NZCMM)
New Zealand College of Public Health Medicine (NZCPHM)
The New Zealand College of Sexual and Reproductive Health (NZCSRH)
Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators (RACMA)
The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP)
Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS)
Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists (RANZCO)
The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologist (RANZCOG)
The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP)
The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR)
The Royal College of Pathologist of Australasia (RCPA)
Royal New Zealand College of Urgent Care (RNZCUC)
The Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners (RNZGP)

Information on the Council of Medical Colleges

- The CMC represents 17 medical colleges in New Zealand.
- The CMC has five strategic priorities: bringing about Pae Ora and equitable health outcomes for Māori; a healthy, culturally safe, well-trained workforce; collaboration with other organisations; and advocacy.
- They are advocates for the improvement, protection and promotion of public health. Key issues of interest to CMC are patient safety, medical training and workforce.
- The CMC has highlighted a strong willingness for CMC members to engage with the health system reforms and to better understand between the roles and responsibilities of the new entities. Workforce development and sustainability has been an ongoing concern.
- Dr Samantha Murton is the current Chair of CMC. Dr Murton is a Wellington based General Practitioner and is also the president of the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners. She is a Senior Lecturer and Trainee Intern Co-Convenor at University of Otago, Wellington.
- Alex Marett was appointed as the Executive Director of CMC in January 2024. Alex previously worked as a special advisor for the COVID-19 response, and prior to that has held Ministerial Advisor roles for Education and Health.
- The CMC has engaged previously with the Ministry of Health's Chief Medical Officer, around issues relating to workforce development and sustainability.

Meeting Outline

Key Attendees

The meeting will be online via Teams on Wednesday, 27th March 2024 at 7.30pm to 8.15pm

Organisation	Attendee	Position
Australasian College for Emergency Medicine	Kate Allan	New Zealand Faculty Chair
	Rachel Nicholls	Policy Lead Aotearoa New Zealand
	Jo Murray	Manager, ACEM New Zealand Office
	Olly Jones	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Australasian College of Sport and Education Physicians	Dan Exeter	New Zealand Representative/ Board Member
Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists	Nigel Fidgeon	Chief Executive Officer
	Stephanie Clare	New Zealand Executive Director
College of Intensive Care Medicine	Jonathan Albrett	National Committee Chair
	Rob Bevan	President
Council of Medical Colleges	Melissa Ewart	Administrative Assistant
	Alex Marett	Executive Director
	Samantha Murton	Chair
New Zealand College of Musculoskeletal Medicine	Jenny Keightley	President
	Brenda Evitt	Executive Manager

New Zealand College of Public Health Medicine	Pam Watson	General Manager
	Anna Stevenson	Chair of Policy Committee and Council Member
Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators	Andrew Simpson	New Zealand Chair
	Helen Parsons	President
	Cris Massis	Chief Executive
Royal Australasian College of Physicians	Simon Hodge	Aotearoa New Zealand Manager
Royal Australasian College of Surgeons	Michele Thomas	Head of Aotearoa
	Andrew MacCormick	Chair Aotearoa New Zealand National Committee
Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists	Liz Insull	New Zealand Branch Chair
	Gerhard Schlenther	Head of Policy and Advocacy
	Peter Hadden	Council of Medical Colleges Board Member
Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologist	Catherine Cooper	Executive Director Aotearoa New Zealand and Global Health
	Susan Fleming	Vice President, Chair Te Kāhui Oranga ō Nuku
Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists	Katherine Minett	Senior Coordinator
	Hiran Thabrew	Chair Tū Te Akaaka Roa- New Zealand National Committee
Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists	Gabriel Lau	New Zealand Branch Chair
	Jenna Howell	Acting Manager New Zealand
Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons	Brendan Peek	Chief Executive Officer
Royal College of Pathologist of Australasia	Elizabeth Roberts	Vice President, New Zealand
	Holly Lucas	RCPA New Zealand Committee Coordinator
Royal New Zealand College of Urgent Care	Adrian Metcalfe	General Manager
	Kelvin Ward	Chairperson, Executive Committee
Ministry of Health	Joe Bourne	Chief Medical Officer
	Allison Bennett	Group Manager, Health System Settings

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