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Tēnā Koe

The New Zealand Nurses Organisation (NZNO) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the proposals for health services, models of care, and technologies the National Health Committee (NHC) is currently considering for inclusion in its immediate work programme.

As the leading professional and industrial organisation for nurses, kaimahi hauora and allied health workers, who deliver health care across all settings, NZNO is keenly interested in cost effective, innovative programmes which will improve the health status of New Zealanders. We have briefly consulted with members and staff, including our professional nursing advisers, members of relevant specialist Colleges and Sections and Te Runanga o Aotearoa, the Māori arm of our bicultural organisation.

While all of the proposals have merit and are worthy of assessment, we have confined our feedback on the accompanying XLS speedsheet, to programmes which promote nationally consistent integrated care, and which are aimed at reducing health inequalities.

The eight most highly recommended programmes identified by NZNO are:

- **012 - Alcohol Strategy**
- **003 - Nutrition Standards Information**
- **008 - Smoking Cessation Services**

- **014 - Fostering Security Programme**
- **017 - Diabetes Telehealth**
- **019 - Occupational Health Service**
- **023 - Rare Disorders Plan**
- **024 - Community Pain Services**

We are also very supportive of the aims of 009 - Aged Models of Care but believe the development of differentiated models of aged care needs a much wider national conversation, including consultation with the workforces responsible for delivering care to the aged, than the proposal currently outlines. There are currently a number of models of care operating in a wide variety of settings for older New Zealanders, but we believe these cannot be assessed for quality, safety or cost effectiveness without the development of:

- nationally agreed standards of care;
- consistent acuity assessment tools; and
- staffing regulation in line with the standards for public safety and accountability set by the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act (2003) i.e. ensuring the appropriate number and skill mix of staff to meet health needs.

We trust our recommendations and the specific feedback will be useful, and we look forward to further communication from the NHC regarding your assessment of the programmes. Could you please note that national consultations should be sent to policyanalysts@nzno.org.nz to ensure wide and timely distribution to our member and nursing networks. Thank you.

Nāku noa, nā



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ABOUT NZNO

The New Zealand Nurses Organisation (NZNO) is the leading professional and industrial organisation for nurses in Aotearoa New Zealand, representing over 46 000 nurses, midwives, students, kaimahi hauora and health workers on a range of employment-related and professional issues. Te Runanga o Aotearoa comprises our Māori membership and is the arm through which our Te Tiriti o Waitangi partnership is articulated.

NZNO provides leadership, research and support for professional excellence in nursing, negotiates collective employment agreements on behalf of its members and collaborates with government and other agencies throughout the health sector. Nurses are the largest group of health professionals comprising half the health workforce.

The NZNO vision is “Freed to care, Proud to nurse”. Our members enhance the health and wellbeing of all people of Aotearoa New Zealand and are united in their professional and industrial aspirations to achieve a safe, sustainable and accessible system of public health care for all New Zealanders.