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Secure Dementia Unit Design Reference Guide A Person Centred Perspective

1. The New Zealand Nurses Organisation (NZNO) welcomes the opportunity to comment to the Ministry of Health and the University of Auckland School of Nursing *Secure Dementia Unit Design Reference Guide A Person Centred Perspective document*. Overall we wish to congratulate the development team on the reference guide. We were particularly impressed with the sections that focused on Aotearoa New Zealand cultural identity, Māori and bicultural aspects when designing secure dementia units.

2. NZNO acknowledges that Māori have an equal right to the highest standards of health, and the State is responsible for ensuring this is achieved under article 24.2 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous peoplesⁱ. We also acknowledge the rights under te Tiriti o Waitangi of Māori to good health that encompasses wellness in its fullest sense and including the physical, spiritual and cultural wellbeing of Māori as individuals and collectivelyⁱⁱ.

3. We have a few suggestions to assist the Māori and bicultural section including:
 - ensuring all facilities have bilingual place name cards;

- using audio Māori music or Te Reo Māori language to re-orientate Kaumātua to different rooms;
 - design; and
 - incorporating karakia, rongoā, mirimiri, hauora and holistic models of health, interconnected relationships with all living things, all combined with the importance of history, whānau and ancestors.
4. We note the use of bilingual place name cards would be useful for Māori Kaumātua and their whānau to orientate to different rooms, for example kitchen, bedrooms, and toilets.
 5. The use of audio Māori music or Te Reo Māori language could be used to re-orientate Kaumātua to different rooms in the unit.
 6. We suggest the guidelines should include design values that incorporate the physical and cultural landscape, for example windows that can view the iwi sacred Maunga, Awa, Moana, Puna or Ngahere that is significant to Māori in each rohe. An excellent example of this is in Tauranga Moana where each room in the Kaupapa Māori ward have views of Mauao the Maunga ariki for iwi in Tauranga Moana which nurses' report assists the patients' health and wellbeing.
 7. We recommend removing the irrelevant remarks on page 22 (*'some suggested that money from treaty settlements should go to aged care, so that dementia care is provided for Māori, by Māori'*). Such comments are offensive and directly contradict the governments' obligations to provide culturally appropriate health services to Māori.
 8. The Māori health workforce is a key factor in the delivery of initiatives suggested in this reference guide. We strongly recommend that dedicated development and resourcing is invested to ensure a workforce is available to deliver Māori health outcomes.

Nākū noa, nā



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ⁱ United Nations General Assembly. United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People: Retrieved on 1/3/16 from http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/documents/DRIPS_en.pdf

ⁱⁱ Aparangi Tautoko Auahi Kore (ATAK). 2003. *National Māori Tobacco Control Strategy*. Wellington: Aparangi Tautoko Auahi Kore.