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Tēnā koe Lynda

**Re: 25 years of Cancer Nurses College**

On behalf of Te Aho o Te Kahu, Cancer Control Agency I would like to congratulate the Cancer Nurses College on reaching 25 years of commitment to excellence in cancer and haematology nursing care in Aotearoa New Zealand. This milestone is a testament to the value of your organisation in connecting, supporting, and amplifying the voices of cancer and haematology nurses around the motu.

Te Aho o Te Kahu enjoys a close relationship with the Cancer Nurses College and your members provide valuable insights to many of our programmes of work – including critical COVID-19 and cancer services planning and health system transition planning. I want to acknowledge the Cancer Nurses College for bringing cancer and haematology nursing perspectives to our advisory groups and decision-making processes.

As an Agency, we strive to put people living with cancer at the centre of all we do. Nurses do this every day - providing the wrap-around support and highly specialised care cancer patients and their whānau require. Thank you for what you do for whānau living with cancer.

I am disappointed I was unable to celebrate your 25 years in-person due to the postponement of the Society of Oncology conference in October - but I did not want you to think this milestone had gone unnoticed. Please share with your members how much Te Aho o Te Kahu values both the Cancer Nurses College, and each and every cancer and haematology nurse in Aotearoa.

Congratulations on 25 years of the Cancer Nurses College.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Diana Sarfati".

Ngā mihi

**Prof Diana Sarfati**

Tumuaki, Chief Executive & National Director of Cancer Control  
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