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Via email

Kia Ora,

Re: Seeking nominations for the Breast Cancer Quality Performance Indicator (QPI) development project Clinical Lead and Working Group

Te Aho o Te Kahu, the Cancer Control Agency was established in December 2019 as an independent departmental agency. It is hosted by the Ministry of Health but reports directly to the Minister of Health.

The purpose of Te Aho o Te Kahu is to provide strong central leadership and oversight of cancer control. Our work is equity-led, knowledge-driven, person and whānau-centred and outcomes-focused. We take a whole-of-system approach to preventing and managing cancer.

About the QPI programme

Te Aho o Te Kahu has continued the Ministry of Health's Cancer QPI programme. The QPI programme aims to report on, either nationally or by district health board (DHB), variation in cancer treatment access, practice and outcomes in order to inform quality improvement for cancer diagnosis and treatment across Aotearoa New Zealand.

QPIs are selected via a consultation and engagement process that includes the appointment of a clinical lead, establishment of and engagement with an expert working group and public consultation.

The selected QPIs are then calculated using Ministry of Health national collections data and published in a publicly released monitoring report. The monitoring report is accompanied by a QPI descriptions document, a QPI specifications document, and the data being made available on our website via the Cancer Care Explorer (<https://minhealthnz.shinyapps.io/cancer-care-data-explorer/>).

Once the monitoring report is published, a QPI action plan is then developed, also in consultation with the clinical lead and working group. The action plan sets out potential actions that hospitals, DHBs and Te Aho o Te Kahu can take to improve on the QPI results, the data being used to calculate the QPIs and the number of QPIs being calculated for the particular cancer type.

To date baseline QPI data have been published for bowel (2019), lung (2021) and prostate (2021) cancers; they can be found on our website [here](#). Work to explore potential indicators for breast cancer and pancreatic cancer has begun with the aim of producing the QPI monitoring reports for these cancer types in the second half of 2021/22.

Seeking nominations

The development of potential breast cancer QPIs is still in its early stages and the next step is to identify a clinical lead that the Agency can work closely with and a working group that will advise us on the work over the coming 9-12 months.

QPI working groups are usually made up of approximately 20 experts and representatives of key clinical and stakeholder groups, including colleges and peak bodies. Our working groups also must include consumers (ie: breast cancer patients and/ or their whānau), Māori and Pasifika.

Te Aho o Te Kahu is now seeking nominations for both the clinical lead role and the breast cancer QPI working group.

Because the working group will need to be limited to approximately 20 members to make it manageable and efficient, we will review the nominations received and make appointments in order to ensure appropriate expertise, representation and aspects such as geographical spread. We expect that not every person nominated will be appointed. Therefore, we will ensure that those that are not appointed are able to participate in other ways.

Please send your nominations for the clinical lead and working group roles to rachael.neumann@teaho.govt.nz by close of business Monday 18 October 2021.

Nāku noa, nā



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