



The College of Emergency Nurses, AGM 14 September 2019

Policy Remit

College of Emergency Nurses Position Statement on Overcrowding

The National Committee of the College of Emergency Nurses New Zealand (CENNZ) wish to present the following CENNZ Policy Remit for voting at CENNZ AGM 14 September 2019.

Recommendation: The National Committee of the College of Emergency Nurses New Zealand recommends that the College of Emergency Nurses New Zealand membership endorse the College of Emergency Nurses Position Statement on Overcrowding 2019.

Rationale

The Position Statement reflects CENNZ commitment to standards of practice that promote safety and well-being. The Position Statement supports the necessity for whole of hospital strategies to address the detrimental effects of overcrowding and restore safety in the Emergency Department.

Background

The Position Statement on Overcrowding was developed by the Committee according to CENNZ rules 3.2 (a) To develop and disseminate current standards for emergency nursing.

It is envisaged that the position statement represents and endorses the evidence that whole of system strategies are required to reduce episodes of Emergency Department overcrowding that incur risk to patient and staff, and that effective pathways should be available to restore safe operation of the Emergency Department as soon as possible.