

Waitaki Review Group

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The Waitaki Review Group met on 19 May 2016 and approved amended Terms of Reference. The scope of the review includes the health of and the services provided by both the SDHB and WDHS for the population of the Waitaki District. The review represents an opportunity to explore how best to provide sustainable health services to the Waitaki District Community.

The group reviewed data associated with the health service, including data about

- Waitaki Population Projections
- Diagnosis Related Groups - types of discharges (top DRGs by bed days and number of people admitted)
- Distribution of where patients who use rural hospitals are from
- Length of stay
- Patient Clinical Complexity Level

The group identified a number of challenges and opportunities for the Waitaki District Health Service, including:

- Role of primary care and primary care options
- Availability of community services
- Utilisation of patient beds
- Models of urgent care, including attendance at ED
- Access to specialist services
- Impact of travelling on patients
- Workforce

What's Next

The next meeting will be held on 2 June at Waitaki District Council Offices. At this meeting, the group will consider a number of potential vignettes (typical patient scenarios) and discuss opportunities for improving services to improve patient experiences.