

Position Description

Position	Expert Pharmacist – Cancer Services
Team / Service	Medical Oncology Service
Group	Blood, Cancer, Palliative Care and Pharmacy
District	Capital, Coast & Hutt Valley
Responsible to	Clinical Leader Medical Oncology, Operations Manager
Children’s Act 2014	This position is classified as a children’s worker, requiring a safety check including police vetting before commencing and every three years
Location	Mainly based at Wellington Hospital. This position is expected to work from multiple locations across the district.

Te Whatu Ora

The Health System in Aotearoa is entering a period of transformation as we implement the Pae Ora/Healthy Futures vision of a reformed system where people live longer in good health, have improved quality of life, and there is equity between all groups.

We want to build a healthcare system that works collectively and cohesively around a shared set of values and a culture that enables everyone to bring their best to work and feel proud when they go home to their whānau, friends and community. The reforms are expected to achieve five system shifts. These are:

1. The health system will reinforce Te Tiriti principles and obligations
2. All people will be able to access a comprehensive range of support in their local communities to help them stay well
3. Everyone will have equal access to high quality emergency and specialist care when they need it
4. Digital services will provide more people the care they need in their homes and communities
5. Health and care workers will be valued and well-trained for the future health system

Context

Capital, Coast & Hutt Valley district provides hospital and health services in primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare to a total population base of approximately 445,000 citizens.

We are accountable for meeting the needs of and improving health outcomes for all the constituent populations of our district, and the region more broadly. Together we:

- provide secondary and tertiary, medical and surgical hospital services alongside community based health care
- fund local health providers and work collaboratively with the community to create and support multiple health education initiatives and projects within the region
- deliver health services directly as well as contracting external providers
- provide local, sub-regional, regional and national health services as well as community-based health, rehabilitation and support services.

The majority of the district's population live in Wellington and Lower Hutt. The Māori and Pacific populations of Lower Hutt and Wellington are proportionally similar, with the largest Pacific population in the region in Porirua. Kapiti and Upper Hutt have similar numbers of Māori and Pacific people. Most people are enrolled with a GP near their place of residence, so the increasing focus on community-based healthcare is expected to lead to better health outcomes for these population groups. Hutt Hospital provides secondary and some tertiary, medical and surgical hospital services alongside community based health care from its main facility in Lower Hutt City. In addition to funding local health providers and working collaboratively with the community to create and support multiple health education initiatives and projects, Hutt Hospital is the centre for five tertiary regional and sub-regional services - Plastics, Maxillofacial and Burns Services; Rheumatology; Dental Services; Regional Public Health; and Regional (Breast and Cervical) Screening Services.

Wellington Regional Hospital in Newtown is the region's main tertiary hospital with services such as complex specialist and acute procedures, intensive care, cardiac surgery, cancer care, neurosurgery and renal care. The hospital is the key tertiary referral centre for the lower half of the North Island and the upper half of the South Island.

Te Wao Nui, the Child Health Service for the Wellington Region and Central New Zealand based in the new purpose built children's hospital on the Wellington Regional Hospital campus, supports babies to adolescents with medical conditions or who may need paediatric surgery. It provides both hospital and outpatient services.

Women's Health Services provide tertiary level maternity care in Wellington and Hutt Regional Hospitals and a Primary Birthing Unit in Kenepuru. The provision of services from Women's Health encompass community-based primary LMC care and breastfeeding support, and tertiary level obstetrics, gynaecology, and other specialist services.

Kenepuru Community Hospital and Kapiti Health Centre provide secondary and community services based in Porirua and the Kapiti Coast

MHAIDS is the mental health, addictions and intellectual disability service for the Wairarapa District and Capital, Coast & Hutt Valley District, with multiple specialist facilities. Ratonga Rua-o- Porirua is our forensic, rehabilitation and intellectual disability inpatient unit.

Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Māori Health Outcomes

Māori are the indigenous peoples of Aotearoa. We have particular responsibilities and accountabilities through this founding document of Aotearoa. We value Te Tiriti and have adopted the following four goals, developed by the Ministry of Health, each expressed in terms of mana and the principles of:

- Mana whakahaere** Effective and appropriate stewardship or kaitiakitanga over the health and disability system. This goes beyond the management of assets or resources.
- Mana motuhake** Enabling the right for Māori to be Māori (Māori self-determination); to exercise their authority over their lives, and to live on Māori terms and according to Māori philosophies, values and practices including tikanga Māori.
- Mana tāngata** Achieving equity in health and disability outcomes for Māori across the life course and contributing to Māori wellness.
- Mana Māori** Enabling Ritenga Māori (Māori customary rituals) which are framed by Te Aō Māori (the Māori world), enacted through tikanga Māori (Māori philosophy & customary practices) and encapsulated within mātauranga Māori (Māori knowledge).

We will target, plan and drive our health services to create equity of health care for Māori to attain good health and well-being, while developing partnerships with the wider social sector to support whole of system change.

The Vision, Mission and Values from our District

We bring forward and join our values within our district. These will change as we become a team of teams within Te Whatu Ora.

Hutt Valley

Vision

Whanau Ora ki te Awakairangi: Healthy people, healthy families and healthy communities are so interlinked that it is impossible to identify which one comes first and then leads to another.

Mission

Working together for health and wellbeing.

Ō mātou uara – Values

Mahi Pai ‘Can do’: Mahi Tahi in Partnership: Mahi Tahi Te Atawhai Tonu Always caring and Mahi Rangatira being our Best

Capital and Coast

Vision

Keeping our community healthy and well

Mission

Together, Improve the Health and Independence of the People of the District

Value

Manaakitanga – Respect, caring, kindness
 Kotahitanga – Connection, unity, equity
 Rangatiratanga – Autonomy, integrity, excellence

District Responsibility

The district leadership have collective accountability for leading with integrity and transparency a progressive, high performing organisation, aimed at improving the health and independence of the community we serve and achieving equitable outcomes for all. The leadership team are responsible for achieving this aim, aligned with our Region, within the available resources, through a skilled, empowered, motivated and supported workforce in line with government and HNZ policy.

Te Whatu Ora is committed to Te Tiriti o Waitangi principles of partnership, participation, equity and protection by ensuring that guidelines for employment policies and procedures are implemented in a way that recognises Māori cultural practices.

We are committed to supporting the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities (EEO) through the provision and practice of equal access, consideration, and encouragement in the areas of employment, training, career development and promotion for all its employees.

Service Perspective

The Wellington Blood & Cancer Centre (WBCC) incorporates the specialties of Medical Oncology, Radiation Oncology and Clinical Haematology into an integrated regional and supra-regional cancer service for both inpatients and outpatients.

Patients reside in the Wellington, Wairarapa and Kapiti Coast regions. Supra-regional services extend beyond these boundaries to cover the Midland region and Nelson-Marlborough. Ambulatory care forms the main focus of WBCC's patient activities and represents some 70% of the contracted workload.

Services provided in the WBCC include specialist consultation and treatment for referred Medical Oncology, Radiation Oncology and Haematology patients either in Wellington or outreach clinics.

In the WBCC, we aim to deliver quality care to patients of all ages and cultures and to support them to reach their full potential in health so they can function independently in the community. This is achieved through a partnership of care, support and shared responsibility. As a Pharmacist within cancer services you will be expected to deliver care for a wide variety of conditions in a safe and professional manner to patients of all ages and cultures and to support them to deal with the wide range of physical and psychological challenges.

Purpose of the role

An expert pharmacist provides safe and clinically effective patient/client assessment and intervention with demonstration of highly specialised knowledge and skills to manage highly complex presentations. This role will also have responsibility for providing high level clinical leadership within the team or service which assists in developing the clinical capability of others. They contribute expert knowledge and skills to the clinical specialty and across the continuum of health care through, for example: consultation, support, advice, training, education and research, with the aim of improving patient/client care and outcomes.

The Expert Pharmacist for Medical Oncology leads developing and implementing speciality specific pathways, protocols and guidelines, in accordance with relevant national and international standards and guidance. This includes evaluating standards of care, in line with research, policy and evidenced-based practice across a range of settings.

The Expert Pharmacist for Medical Oncology uses expert knowledge and skills to:

- Establish (when required) and maintain pharmacist-led services/clinics in the inpatient and outpatient setting
- Develop and strengthen a pharmacist-led case-management model for medical oncology patients

- Initiating investigations (e.g. laboratory, radiology requests) linked to own clinics or surveillance (NOTE: only when preapproved with policy to support delegated responsibility that is approved by the service)
- Participates in the planning and delivery of education for district health professionals both locally and regionally that support and enhance management of medical oncology conditions.

Key Accountabilities

The following role accountabilities may evolve with organisational change and there may be additional duties, relevant to this position that will be required to be performed from time to time.

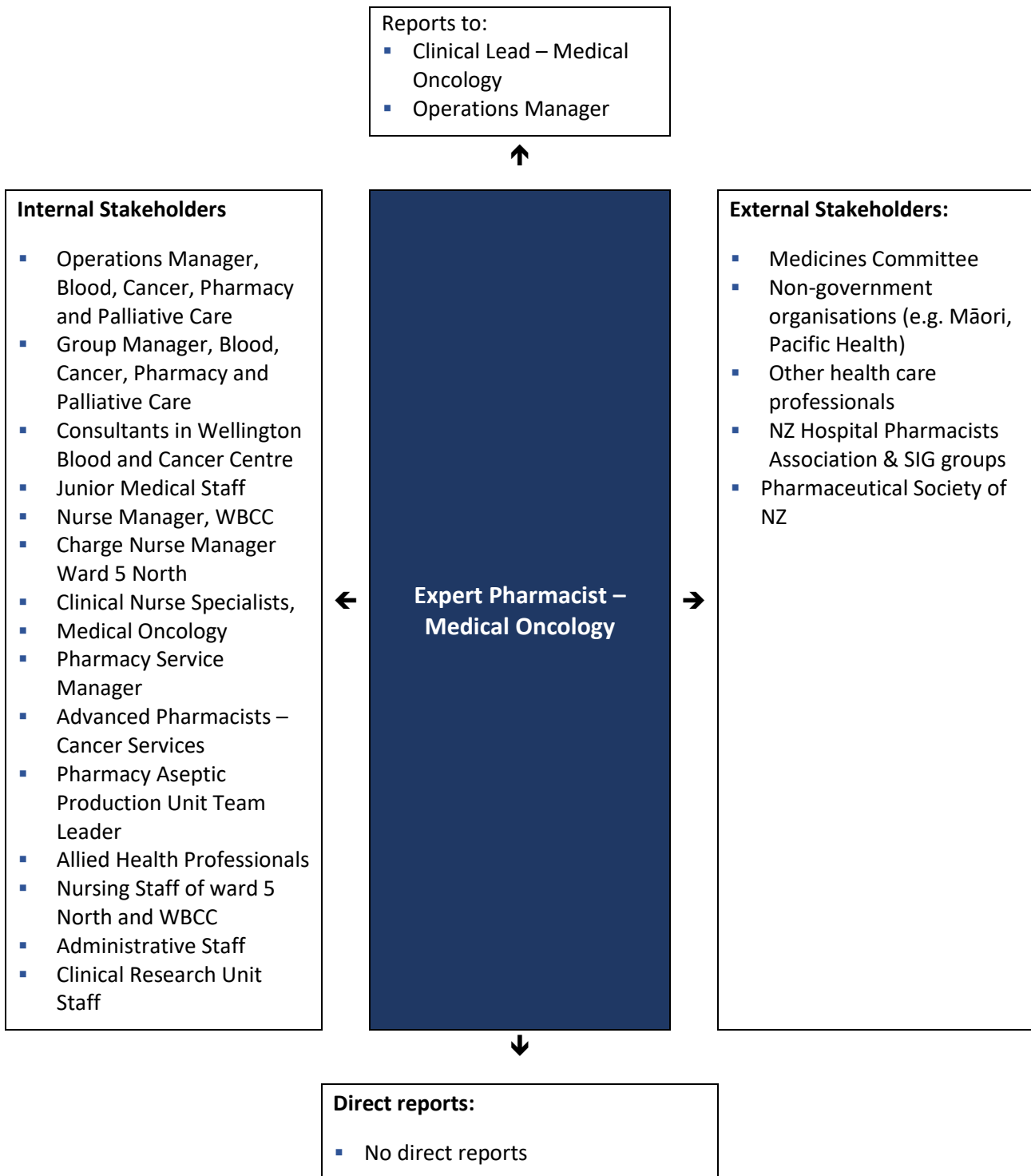
Key accountabilities	Deliverables / Outcomes
<p>1. Clinical & Technical Practice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provides expertise and leadership in the medical oncology service including providing expert clinical advice, support and guidance to team members. ▪ Provides pharmacy services in a manner consistent with legislation, code of ethics, policy and procedures. ▪ Demonstrates individual responsibility and maintains accountability for own work and performance. ▪ Demonstrates expert knowledge in area(s) of practice. ▪ Uses expert knowledge and skills to perform comprehensive patient assessment, plan care, manage complex needs and arrange follow-up for patients, including the whānau where appropriate ▪ Provides detailed knowledge, advice and recommendations for pharmacy staff and other healthcare professionals to support identifying and resolving complex medication related problems to optimise medicines use. ▪ Integrated into the multidisciplinary team within area of responsibility and provides clinical expertise and advice at clinical meetings and case conferences to ensure the delivery of well-planned and coordinated services. This may be required at a local, regional or national level. ▪ Provides highly specialist advice, teaching and instructions to patients, carers and relatives locally, regionally and nationally to positively influence medication related behaviours. ▪ Answers complex clinical questions from prescribers. Leads clinical practice through alignment with recognised best practice and relevant clinical policies and practice guidelines. ▪ Raises concerns to clinical leader (or delegated person) regarding medication safety matters/risks (e.g. clinical decision making of senior healthcare professionals). ▪ Role models effective communication to establish therapeutic relationships and set expectations with patients/clients, whānau, the multidisciplinary and wider health teams. This includes relaying complex, sensitive and contentious information. ▪ Demonstrates excellent communication skills e.g. providing tailored/patient focused information, writing guidelines/reports, and giving structured presentations. ▪ Demonstrates provision of and support others with culturally safe / bicultural practice with patients/clients and their whānau.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Demonstrates an awareness of health inequalities, with evidence of implementing actions within practice and identifying solutions for wider service delivery that contribute towards reducing inequalities for patients/clients and/or whānau. ▪ Demonstrates an awareness of health inequalities, with evidence of implementing actions within practice and identifying solutions for wider service delivery that contribute towards reducing inequalities for patients/clients and/or whānau. ▪ Completes key performance indicators and interventions consistent with legal and organisational requirements. ▪ Keeps accurate and complete records consistent with legislation, policies and procedures. ▪ Leads the identification and implementation of changes in practice, as appropriate to medical oncology in relation to national and regional developments to enable an understanding of the wider pharmacy service provision for supporting patient care across the health continuum. This includes understanding of wider health system funding for pharmaceuticals.
<p>2. Teaching & Learning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Takes responsibility for maintaining own competency to practice through identification of learning needs and Continuing Competency (CPD) activities. This should comply with professional registration requirements. ▪ Is a subject matter expert; designing, developing and delivering specialist training on a range of subjects relating to medical oncology for staff, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ training of other pharmacy staff e.g. acting as preceptor, mentor or assessor. ○ assessing performance & learning needs of others. ○ teaching and participating in the running of training relevant to area of clinical practice, this will include training for other health professionals, e.g. nursing staff, senior medical staff. ○ Participates in induction and training of newly appointed staff as required. ▪ Provides critical analysis and integration of current research outcomes and relevant literature in order to maintain advanced levels of knowledge and practice. Demonstrates application of this knowledge in practice. ▪ Maintains an awareness of current developments in relevant clinical areas. ▪ Completes core training as applicable for the role. ▪ Participates in an annual performance review and associated clinical assurance activities.
<p>Leadership & Management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provides leadership for a positive team culture.

Key accountabilities	Deliverables / Outcomes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ From information available, prioritises patients/clients to enable appropriate allocation of referrals, delegates appropriate tasks and has oversight of workload for staff in the clinical area. ▪ Represents the service and / or individual patients/clients at clinical meetings and case conferences to ensure the delivery of a coordinated multidisciplinary service and to ensure medication needs are integrated into the overall treatment programme (where appropriate) including discharge planning. Represents department/profession at local, regional and national level as required e.g. organisational committees, national groups. ▪ Attends and actively contributes to all relevant department, clinical and team meetings, leading and facilitating such meetings as required. ▪ Assists team leader in clinical assurance activities of medical oncology staff as requested. ▪ Able to intervene and resolve minor team conflict and issues. ▪ Demonstrates a constructive approach to conflict resolution and is able to deal with professionals that challenge advice and facilitate an acceptable outcome. ▪ Provides reports to clinical leader / operations manager in relation to area of practice, as requested. ▪ Is involved in recruitment and selection processes as requested by manager.
<p>3. Service Improvement and Research</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deals with complex situations requiring investigation, analysis, interpretation and comparison of a range of options in consultation with more senior colleagues. ▪ Proactive in promoting patient safety, quality and safe medicines management. ▪ Understands & contributes to pharmacy service vision and service planning. ▪ Has an awareness of national and regional healthcare policies and can relate to own practice. ▪ Works with other staff and services to develop, implement and review guidelines and policies relevant to the service. ▪ Monitors and reports on medication usage, resource utilisation and expenditure within own area. ▪ Takes the lead on development of quality improvement activities and/or research projects to develop and improve service delivery, clinical practice or professional standards. This will include care pathways / treatment protocols, standards of practice etc. ▪ Actively participates in national, regional and sub-regional working groups / clinical networks as needed, to identify and implement innovative practice and or service improvements as appropriate. ▪ Establishes and maintains active working partnerships with local services and organisations to promote integrated working that improves the outcomes and experience of patient/clients. ▪ Practises in a way that utilises resources (including staffing) in the most sustainable and cost effective manner.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Awareness of and complies with all legislative, contractual and employment requirements as applicable to the role (e.g. Privacy Act 1993, Vulnerable Children’s Act 2014, Health & Safety at Work Act 2015, ACC service specifications etc.) ▪ Has read and understood the Health & Safety policy and procedures. ▪ Actively supports and complies with health and safety policy and procedures including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use of protective clothing and equipment as required ○ Ensures safe handling, storage and disposal of potentially hazardous substances ○ Active participation in hazard management and identification process ○ Proactive reporting and remedying of any unsafe work condition, accident or injury ○ Identifies risks and notifies the manager of these in a timely manner ○ Actively contributes to risk minimisation activities within the service
5. Te Tiriti o Waitangi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Work in partnership with stakeholders to achieve our equity goals for Māori and ensure Te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations are adhered to ▪ Equity outcomes are front and centre in goals, performance monitoring and plans for service and team performance ▪ Cultural competence is grown across the team, supporting inclusion and partnership.

Key Relationships & Authorities



Capability Profile

Solid performance in the role requires demonstration of the following competencies. These competencies provide a framework for selection and development.

Competency	Behaviours
Problem Solving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Uses rigorous logic and methods to solve difficult problems with effective solutions ▪ Probes all fruitful sources for answers ▪ Can see hidden problems ▪ Is excellent at honest analysis ▪ Looks beyond the obvious and doesn't stop at first answers
Priority Setting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Spends his/her time and the time of others on what's important ▪ Quickly zeroes in on the critical few and puts the trivial many aside ▪ Can quickly sense what will help or hinder in accomplishing a goal ▪ Eliminates roadblocks ▪ Creates focus ▪ Most solutions and suggestions turn out to be correct and accurate judged over time. ▪ Sought out by others for advice and solutions.
Interpersonal Savvy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Relates well to all kinds of people – up, down, and sideways, inside and outside the organisation ▪ Builds appropriate rapport ▪ Builds constructive and effective relationships ▪ Uses diplomacy and tact ▪ Can diffuse even high-tension situations comfortably
Action Oriented	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Enjoys working hard. Is action oriented and full of energy for the things he/she sees as challenging ▪ Not fearful of acting with a minimum of planning, seizes more opportunities than others.
Team Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develops constructive working relationships with other team members. ▪ Has a friendly manner and a positive sense of humour. ▪ Works cooperatively - willingly sharing knowledge and expertise with colleagues. ▪ Shows flexibility - is willing to change work arrangements or take on extra tasks in the short term to help the service or team meet its commitments. ▪ Supports in word and action decisions that have been made by the team. ▪ Shows an understanding of how one's own role directly or indirectly supports the health and independence of the community.
Perseverance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pursues everything with energy, drive and a need to finish. ▪ Seldom gives up before finishing, especially in the face of resistance or setbacks
Organisational Agility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Knowledgeable about how organisations work ▪ Knows how to get things done both through formal channels and the informal network ▪ Understands the origin and reasoning behind key policies, practices and procedures ▪ Understands the cultures of the organisations

Experience and Capability

Essential qualifications, skills and experience

A. Knowledge, Skills & Experience:

- Expectation of at least 8 years clinical practice, of which 5 years must be in a relevant specialty / area of practice
- Demonstrated specialist clinical skills
- Demonstrated effective clinical leadership

B. Essential Professional Qualifications / Accreditations / Registrations:

- NZ Registered Pharmacist with current annual practicing certificate (essential) with prescribing scope (desirable)
- Member of New Zealand Hospital Pharmacy Association and/or Pharmaceutical Society (desirable).
- Relevant post Graduate qualification

C. Someone well-suited to the role will place a high value on the following:

- Delivering high quality care for the patient/client/whānau
- Contributing to the development of others
- Expert speciality knowledge
- Continuous quality improvement Innovation & Research
- Continual improvement focus.

D. Other:

- A commitment and understanding of the Treaty of Waitangi (and application to health) and a willingness to work positively in improving health outcomes for Maori.
- Proficiency in using technology within the workplace.
- A high standard of written and spoken English.

**Ma tini, ma mano, ka rapa te whai
By joining together we will succeed**