

WAKATIPU HEALTH SERVICES EXPERT PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Enhancing Regional Service Planning

1. The SDHB adapts the provision of clinical services across the region to ensure that as far as possible there is equity of access and comparable outcomes.
2. The SDHB develops a clinical services programme that defines pathways of care across the whole regions that are safe and as much as possible close to home.
3. The SDHB delegates responsibility to a tier 2 manager of the Executive team for the services provided in the Central Otago/Lakes District ensuring that services are provided:
 - (a) Independently of historic boundaries
 - (b) In a way that best meets the needs of the patient.

Retaining Hospital Services

4. The SDHB retains and enhances services at LDH.
5. LDH retains an ED.
6. LDH is retained on the current hospital site and is further developed as a health campus for the Wakatipu Basin.

Clinical Workforce

7. LDH maintains a minimum roster of eight medical FTEs, of which one or two could be registrars, supported by HWNZ.
8. The SDHB pursues a partnership opportunity with the University of Otago to develop a centre of excellence for the training of rural health practitioners.
9. LDH expands the breadth of services that the medical and nursing teams can provide.
10. The SDHB encourages the development of special interests amongst hospital/non-hospital doctors and nurses in the Wakatipu Basin. Examples include GPs with special interests (GPSI) and senior medical officers with special interest (SMOSI) roles.

Enhancing Integration

11. The SDHB extends an open invitation to appropriate health providers to relocate to the LDH site, supporting the development of better integration of care on a health campus.
12. The SDHB facilitates (through an independent chair) a clinical services forum for on-going dialogue on health services provision and planning in the Wakatipu Basin.
13. The SDHB encourages the further integration of services in the region, including sharing of resources, stronger clinical engagement between Dunstan and LDH and the development of clinical pathways and IT solutions. This would include a broader clinical forum covering the Central Otago/Lakes, or perhaps expanding to all rural health.

Improving Outpatient Services

14. LDH expands the local and regional provision of outpatient services that better meets the needs of the Wakatipu region (including the coordination of private and public outpatient services).

Enhanced Community Services

15. The SDHB encourages the development of increased capacity in aged residential care beds in the Wakatipu Basin, improving the ability to provide respite care and slow stream rehabilitation services.
16. LDH develops palliative care bed capacity on their campus as part of aged residential care development.

Enhanced Diagnostic Support

17. The SDHB supports the establishment of a CT scanner for the Central Otago Region, located at LDH.
18. Diagnostic Services such as laboratory and radiology are best consolidated onto the LDH site.

Governance

19. The SDHB retains governance of LDH, including the funding and provision of health services.
20. Queenstown Lakes District Council, in consultation with the Wakatipu Health Trust and Wakatipu Health Governance Reference Group establishes a Community Reference Group.
21. The SDHB commits to engaging with the Community Reference Group early in the planning of any significant changes to clinical services.