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Waitematā DHB Consumer Council - your chance to make a difference

Twelve very special people will soon have the opportunity to work alongside Waitematā DHB's CEO on a new consumer council designed to make a real difference in the lives of patients.

The search is on for candidates to fill each of the spots and the council is expected to have its inaugural meeting in May.

"We want a council that represents a broad cross-section of the community we serve - helping us to better understand the needs of our population in West Auckland, Rodney and on the North Shore," Waitematā DHB CEO Dr Dale Bramley says.

"These people will help ensure our DHB has access to a reliable source when it comes to understanding the needs of our patients, their families and whānau."

The council will include people with strong connections to the local Maori, Pacific, Asian, disability and youth communities.

Candidates should have:

- used, or had exposure to, Waitemata DHB within the last 2-3 years – either as patients or family/whanau members.
- a strong consumer advocacy focus
- good communication skills

The 12 members and Dr Bramley will be joined on the council by Waitemata DHB Director of Patient Experience, David Price.

"This is an exciting opportunity for the right people to make a very real difference and support us in our ongoing efforts to deliver best care to everyone," Mr Price says. "Their input will be invaluable in the design, planning and delivery of high-quality, safe and accessible health care services with a strong focus on better patient experience."

Expressions of interest close on Monday, 18 March.

Email david.price@waitematadhb.govt.nz if you would like to apply.

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