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District Health Board

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### **Top marks for Waitematā DHB**

Waitematā DHB is excelling in its training of junior doctors with both North Shore and Waitakere hospitals achieving the maximum possible accreditation of five years from the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP).

The rigorous accreditation process is part of Waitematā DHB's commitment to providing the highest levels of workplace training and ensuring that doctors can develop their skills while providing safe and effective care to patients.

The process started in 2015 and has involved multiple visits from the RACP to review facilities, teaching programmes and models of care.

"Patients are at the heart of everything that we do and this accreditation is evidence of our success in prioritising their care while providing a workplace that effectively develops and supports junior doctors," says Associate Chief Medical Officer Dr Jonathan Christiansen.

During the most-recent accreditation visit in 2019, North Shore Hospital was recognised by the RACP for offering trainees a well-balanced workload, high level of supervision and broad experience in general medicine along with a strong orientation for those new to the DHB.

Dr Christiansen says the exceptional result is testament to a DHB-wide effort to support the development of junior doctors.

"Our junior doctors play a very important role within our hospitals and we are committed to supporting their growth and development. Considerable effort is focused on our training programmes and supervision. We have also invested into our teaching facilities and simulation equipment to ensure our trainees are competent, well-trained and well-supported," says Dr Christiansen.

The physician training programme has been improved and refined over that time under the direction of the Director of Physician Training, Dr Cheryl Johnson, and the Head of Department of General & Emergency Medicine, Prof Gerard De Jong.

"We have continued to refine and adapt our training programme to ensure junior doctors have access to the dedicated space, support, tools and technology they need to succeed. It is wonderful to be recognised for our success in this area," says Dr Christiansen.

Christiansen said strong two-way communication between trainees and their supervisors is actively encouraged along with supporting innovations to models of care and teaching programmes.

A recognition programme led by Waitematā DHB CEO Dr Dale Bramley also ensures that trainee doctors, along with other staff, are recognised for their contribution to patient care.

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