

## Memorandum

<b>To:</b>	Circulation List to be built from Key Stakeholder List
<b>From:</b>	Carolyn Clissold, Co-Lead, National Infection Service Network
<b>Subject:</b>	National Infection Services Network Aotearoa (ISNA) – Expressions of interest
<b>Date:</b>	Monday 8 April 2024

Expressions of interest and nominations are being sought for the Infection Services Network Aotearoa (ISNA) Executive Expert Group. The purpose of ISNA is to provide national leadership and oversee the strategic direction, strategic priorities, and programme of improvement work for Infection Services (IS).

The National Clinical Networks are a vital clinical enabler of the new health system. They involve health professionals and key stakeholders, including consumers and whānau from across the system, influencing how we

- prioritise and drive system change,
- eliminate inequities,
- provide joined up clinical leadership which takes a national interests approach,
- monitor and respond to risks and
- remove unwarranted service variation through the development of national standards, governance and models of care

IS can be defined broadly as services that contribute to the prevention, control and management of infections and infectious disease. Therefore, infectious disease physicians, microbiologists, infection prevention and control specialists, infectious disease and antimicrobial stewardship pharmacists, public health medicine specialists, infectious disease specialty nurses and others will all contribute to IS. Navigating an achievable workplan for ISNA will necessitate prioritising workstreams, partnering with existing organisations and working on shared goals across specialties. Initially ISNA has been given the directive to use the lens of infection, prevention and control and take a multi-disciplinary approach to system solutions.

The initial objectives of the ISNA will be based on themes already identified through previous relevant national action plans and the IS. These will include work streams or initiatives in

- Surveillance and health intelligence
- National policies, procedures and guidance
- IS workforce
- Built environment, equipment and infrastructures
- Outbreak preparedness and
- Communication and patient journey.

National Clinical Network members will:

- Understand equity and variation and how it impacts on people experiencing infection and other health services
- Understand service delivery across the continuum of care and be prepared to think innovatively and collaboratively to bring about improvements in equity of service delivery and service standards.
- Work collaboratively and in a mana enhancing way with other ISNA members
- Be prepared to take a leadership role in a workstream if needed
- Be prepared to contribute to difficult systems decisions based on evidence.

Members need to be able to commit a minimum of 3 hours per month to support the Network, recognising that this is likely to fluctuate at various times over the course of the Network and with variable involvement in working groups.

Meetings will generally be videoconferences and are likely to occur every 4 weeks; with one full day meeting occurring after a year to evaluate and reset work plan.

The first National Infection Services Network Aotearoa meeting is provisionally scheduled for **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 1 - 2.30pm**

### **Expression of interest & nomination process**

Expressions of interest (EOI) as well as nominations of others are welcome to the ISNA Executive Expert Group. EOIs & nominations will also be considered for ISNA working groups and advisory groups, so all applications are welcomed.

To ensure a whole of system view, stakeholder representation is requested from:

- suitably qualified people who have an interest or speciality in an IS discipline.
- those with Māori or Pacific backgrounds
- geographically diverse members from across Aotearoa, New Zealand

Nominations are required by **5pm 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024** and should be emailed to the ISNA Network Manager at [Michael.Hammond@Waitematadhb.govt.nz](mailto:Michael.Hammond@Waitematadhb.govt.nz) using appropriate form at the end of this document.

To find out more about the National Clinical Networks programme, please view our website here:

<https://www.tewhatauora.govt.nz/whats-happening/what-to-expect/national-clinical-networks/>

## Application form for National Infection Services Network Aotearoa

Your details:

Name			
Town/City/Place of Residence			
Work Telephone		Mobile	
Job title/Role (if applicable)		Organisation or community group	
Mobility/accessibility requirements			
Email			
Postal Address			

Why do you want to be part of the National Infection Services Network Aotearoa?

What knowledge and experience can you bring? E.g. involvement in professional and national IS groups.

Provide up to three priority areas of work for ISNA that you would like to be involved in.

This information may be used for involvement in IS working groups.

If applicable, manager approval (to endorse your application and/or support your participation)

Name:

Title and Organisation:

Signature: Date:

I can confirm that I am aware the first meeting is intended to be held on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 1 - 2.30pm.**

Please email the completed form to [Michael.Hammond@waitematadhb.govt.nz](mailto:Michael.Hammond@waitematadhb.govt.nz) before **5pm 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Nomination form (If Applicable) or National Infection Services  
Network Aotearoa**

Nominee’s details:

Name			
Town/City/Place of Residence			
Work Telephone		Mobile	
Job title/Role (if applicable)		Organisation or community group	
Mobility/accessibility requirements			
Email			
Postal Address			

Why do you support this individual's nomination to be part of the National Infection Services Network Aotearoa? What knowledge and experience do they bring? E.g. involvement in professional and national IS groups.

I can confirm that the candidate is aware of their nomination and have willingly accepted their name being put forward. The candidate has been informed that the first meeting is intended to be held on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 1 - 2.30pm.**

This form has been completed by	
Position/title	
Relationship to nominee	

Please email the completed form to [Michael.Hammond@waitematadhb.govt.nz](mailto:Michael.Hammond@waitematadhb.govt.nz) before 5pm 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024.