

Kia ora koutou,

My name is Carolyn Clissold, and I am the Co-lead for the Infection Service Network Aotearoa (ISNA). More information about Health New Zealand's work on National Clinical Networks and myself can be found [here](#). I began this role in February 2024 for 2 days per week with Michael Hammond (Network Manager) and Ron Craft (Programme Manager).

Network membership

We are now looking to find infection service members who would be interested to join the ISNA Executive Expert Group and contribute leadership to this national network. Please find attached the memorandum and expressions of interest application form. From this group we will define and enact the ISNA work plan.

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.

Infection Service 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 the infection services network.

An overview of the proposed Terms of Reference for this network is also attached to this email. This is currently a living document and will be refined and finalised as a group.

Please feel free to cascade this email to suitable candidates or groups. We look forward to applications from a wide range of candidates.

Nominations and expressions of interest are required by **5pm 28th April 2024** and should be emailed to the ISNA Network Manager at Michael.Hammond@Waitematadhb.govt.nz .

Co-lead vacancy

We would like to let you know that we are still accepting applications for the position of the second clinical co-lead for this network. If you are interested in applying or would like more information please follow this [link](#).

Thank you, Ngā mihi

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