



Health Information Consumer Forum

13 February 2008, Wellington

Call for Expressions of Interest

The Health Information Strategy Action Committee (HISAC) is to provide an opportunity for consumer groups and advocates to come together to advise HISAC on how it might go about engaging with the community around the current and future health information environment in New Zealand.

The Health Information Strategy for New Zealand (HIS-NZ) expressly discounts the creation of a single national repository of personally identifiable health information or a single national Electronic Health Record. However, the strategy does signal increased information sharing of relevant information amongst health providers. The strategy is also concerned with information that is used for the purposes of population health, the funding and planning of health services, and research.

In particular there is a need to begin a dialogue with the community around access to and the sharing of personal health information in New Zealand. How might this environment operate in practice and what are the specific concerns that exist and how might they be addressed in the proposed future environments?

With the move towards more patient-focused models of integrated care, concerns around the privacy and appropriate control of information use and sharing are understandable. HISAC wishes to begin a process of engagement and dialogue so that we may identify any areas of concern and agree a way forward.

Expressions of interest to attend this inaugural forum on 13 February 2008 in Wellington are open to consumer groups and advocates. A maximum of 50 may attend. Travel costs will be paid. Expressions of interest need to be registered with HISAC by Wednesday 19 December or at a later date by agreement.

The forum is being organised by the Health Information Strategy Action Committee with support and sponsorship from the Office of the Privacy Commissioner, the Office of the Health and Disability Commissioner and the Ministry of Health.

For more information visit: <http://www.HISAC.govt.nz>

Expressions of Interest Form

Name (individual or organisation): _____

Contact details - Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please describe your constituent group and/or networks. (For example: national, regional or local. Older people, people with disabilities, women's health, rural health, Maori health and youth)

Are you? Expressing interest in attending the Health Information Consumer Forum on 13 February?

Interested in being added to our mailing list for updates and further information?

Return this form to: Health Information Strategy Action Committee, Attention: Organiser, Health Information Consumer Forum
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