



Press Release

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Sexual Health service

The Wairarapa DHB Sexual Health service has recently been contracted to the Wairarapa Community PHO (from 1st July 2004). This means that most Primary Care Nurses and Doctors working in the community, including School Nurses, are able to provide health services related to sexual health.

The aim of this service is to improve the overall sexual and contraceptive health of the Wairarapa community through the provision of free sexual health and contraceptive advice consultations for:

- All people up to 19 years old
- All people 19-24 years with a Community Services Card
- All people with a symptom or at risk of a sexually transmitted infections (STI)

The new service improves access to sexual health services with General Practitioners and Primary Care Nurses available to deliver the service now in all communities throughout the Wairarapa. The service was previously based at Choice Health in Masterton.

“To access the new Sexual Health Service anyone should simply make an enquiry with any Doctor or Nurse working in the Wairarapa Community” says DHB Director of Planning and Funding Joy Cooper. “If they cannot provide the service themselves, they will be able to refer to someone who can”.

Anyone requiring advice on where to access the new sexual health service can call free of charge on 0800 188 881.

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