



Te Tatau o te Whare Kahu
Midwifery Council



Kaunihera
Manapou
Paramedic Council

Joint Statement Midwifery Council and Paramedic Council

Collaboration and Professional Relationships

Both Te Tatau o te Whare Kahu (Midwifery Council) and Te Kaunihera Manapou (Paramedic Council), are responsible authorities under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003. Our purpose is to protect the health and safety of the public by ensuring that midwives and paramedics are fit and competent to practise their professions.

As regulators, we acknowledge that care, provided by our respective professions, impacts on healthcare consumers and their whānau. Interdisciplinary relationships are central to ensuring the safety and effectiveness of this care. Collaborative practice is explicitly addressed in The Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers' Rights. Right 4 identifies the right to services of an appropriate standard and states that "Every consumer has the right to co-operation among providers to ensure quality and continuity of services".

Both Councils are committed to role-modelling collaboration. We will work together to address any perceived issues between both professions by using the tools and frameworks that are provided within the Act.

Both Councils require members of their profession to demonstrate effective and respectful inter-professional communication and collaborative practice at all times that promotes individual and whānau safety. Effective interprofessional practice is an expectation of the Codes of Conduct for both professions and is specifically identified as a standard of competence

Kei a Te Tatau o te Whare Kahu me Te Kaunihera Manapou te mana whakahaere i raro i te Ture Health Practitioners Competence Assurance 2003, kia whakahaumarutia te hauora me te marutau o te hāpori mā te whakamātau i te hunga whakawhānau me te hunga manapou hoki kia eke ai rātau ki te paerewa e tika ana mō aua umaga.

Ko tētehi wāhi o tā mātau mahi whakariterite, he whakapono mā ā mātau mahi tiaki, e whakaaweawe ai te hauora o te hunga tūroro me ō rātau whānau. Ko te hononga i waenganui i ngā tōpūtanga e rua te iho e tutuki ai te marutau me ngā hua ka puta i te

tiakitanga. Ko tēnei mea te mahi ngātahi kei roto i te kawenata mōtika e kīia nei The Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers' Rights. E ai ki Mōtika 4, e tautuhi ana taua mōtika "Kei ia kiritaki te mōtika kia mahi ngātahi ai ngā hunga rato mā reira e eke ai ā rātau ratonga ki te taumata e tika ana mō āke ake ake."

Ko te whāinga o ngā kaunihera e rua kia whakatauiratia te mahi ngātahi. Ka mahi ngātahi kia ea ai ngā nawe ka puta, ka mutu mā te whakamahi i ngā taputapu me ngā anga o roto o te Ture e tutuki ai.

Kei ngā kaunihera e rua te here e tohu ai kia whakaatuhia e ia mema tana ngaio nōna e whakawhitiwhiti whakaaro ana, e mahi ngātahi ana hoki, mā reira e hāpai ai te marutau o te takitahi me te whānau. Me mahi ngātahi ka tika, koia tērā te kawatau o roto o te Ture Whanonga mō ia umaga, ka mutu e tautohu ana he paerewa tohunga.