

Media statement

Adri Isbister, CEO Wairarapa DHB, appointed as Deputy Director General, Disability

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The Chief Executive Officer of Wairarapa DHB, Adri Isbister, has resigned to take on the role of Deputy Director General, Disability in the Ministry of Health. Adri will start her new role at the end of March.

Statement from Paul Collins, Board Chair

It is with a mix of sadness and pride that the Wairarapa District Health Board of Directors announces Adri Isbister's departure as Chief Executive Officer, effective 25 March 2019.

Adri leaves the DHB on a positive note to continue to work on making a difference in the New Zealand Health and Disability Sector. We have no doubt that she will do an outstanding job in her new role as Deputy Director General, Disability for the Ministry of Health.

Adri has played a critical role in the development and implementation of a local executive leadership team, and has been instrumental in influencing and leading the development of cross-sectoral work and the introduction of Health Care Homes (a primary care initiative). While we will miss her and her leadership, we wish her the best of luck in her new role.

We will be working to appoint a new CEO. It is our priority to find the best individual to lead and, in the interim, maintain a stable and effective organisation.

Statement from Adri Isbister, CEO

After three and half years with Wairarapa DHB, I have submitted my resignation to Sir Paul Collins, Board Chair, in order to accept a new challenge. While I have a mix of emotions as I move into this next chapter of my career as the Deputy Director General Disability, Ministry of Health, I will be working nationally and strategically in an area that is important to me.

The decision for my transition did not come easily. I am extremely proud of all that Wairarapa DHB provides for the health and wellbeing of our community, and of what the staff, executives and board have accomplished during my years here. I hold dear to my heart the relationships I have built during my time as CEO.

I offer my deepest gratitude to all who have been so supportive of the DHB and of me personally over the years: staff, executives, board members and, of course, our communities and provider organisations. Without you, Wairarapa would not be as strong and vibrant as it is. It has been an honour to be the leader of this DHB.

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