

Press release

Wairarapa DHB appoints new Chief Medical Officer

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Wairarapa District Health Board has today announced the appointment of Dr Shawn Sturland as Chief Medical Officer.

“We are fortunate to have a person of his reputation, personal qualities, and qualifications, which includes a fellowship in the Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators,” said Craig Climo, Interim Chief Executive. “Admission to the college requires significant study and examination.”

Shawn’s role for WrDHB has a clinical component, including supervision of the High Dependency Unit, and ward rounds with clinical staff.

Shawn lives locally and will maintain a part time role as intensivist at Wellington Hospital.

“We are looking forward to him starting with us on or about 12th August, which allows him to meet the remainder of his current clinical roster,” Climo said.

Specialized in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine, Shawn has been a Senior Medical Officer in the Intensive Care Unit at Wellington Regional Hospital for the last fourteen years, including six years as Medical Director.

Alongside clinical practice, he has worked as the Clinical Executive Director, Quality Improvement and Patient Safety at Capital and Coast DHB and will complete his RACMA fellowship in February next year.

Shawn has special interests in aviation medicine, medical ethics, trauma and training.

“We are grateful to Mr Ian Denholm for acting in the CMO role following Dr Tom Gibson’s retirement in December last year,” Climo said.

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