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End of life care plans underway

End of life care is top of mind this week as Wairarapa's palliative services are considered in the region's future healthcare planning.

Hospice Wairarapa and the Wairarapa District Health Board (DHB) are investigating tailored palliative care that will best serve the community, and the organisations are confident that there is room to improve.

"It is too soon to describe in any detail, but we believe beneficial changes can and will be made to provide even better local support," said Gavin Hodder, Chair of Hospice Wairarapa.

"With our aging population, palliative care is a critical element of our local health service design."

"I am looking forward to sharing our future direction for hospice services with the people of Wairarapa," he said.

Wairarapa DHB Chief Executive, Dale Oliff, agrees. "Working together, we have the potential to develop a sustainable, desirable, effective palliative care service."

"We want to design best-practice end of life care that meets local need and reflects contemporary practice," she said.

Hospice and the DHB are continuing planning discussions and hope to provide more detail in the near future.

Photo caption:

Gavin Hodder, Chair, Hospice Wairarapa and Dale Oliff, Chief Executive, Wairarapa District Health Board plan improved end of life care for Wairarapa.

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