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Hi Alumni!

Welcome to the fifth newsletter of the MidCentral DHB Alumni programme keeping you up to date with all the news at MidCentral DHB.

A One-Stop-Shop For Jobs In The Health Sector.

[Kiwi Health Jobs](#) was launched by the Minister of Health, Tony Ryall on 28th March 2011. This website brings together for the first time all the vacancies across the 20 New Zealand District Health Boards and the NZBlood Service. Since the launch there has been an average of 500 jobs on the site at any one time.

So if you or your friends are looking for a job in health, either clinical or non clinical, there is now one place to find all the available positions, whether at MidCentral DHB or another DHB.

You can:

- search for vacancies at one central point;
- access employer and local information;
- find out about professional registration in New Zealand;
- register for job alerts and share roles with friends;
- apply directly to employers when the right job comes along. Clicking on the link takes job seekers directly to the employer's website.

The 20 DHBs and NZBS national General Managers HR group developed the website to bring together information currently posted on a wide range of job websites. The portal is rapidly becoming the main point of advertising for DHBs and the NZBS, who are also able to communicate directly with job seekers in priority workforce groups through the central site.

Featured Vacancy:

Registered Nurse, Child, Adolescent and Family Mental Health Services (ID 2151)

Applicants will have prior experience of working in a mental health setting, and will preferably have experience of working with children, adolescents and their families. Knowledge of managing eating disorders would be an advantage. We are very interested to hear from you if you have a passion for learning and wish to add working in the Child and Adolescent specialist domain to your professional portfolio.

Our Multi Professional Team has worked in partnership with the Werry Centre to develop a workforce plan. The team provides a range of interventions that would be typically found in a forward thinking Child and Adolescent Mental Health service including various talking therapies.

To discuss the position further please contact Barbara Stewart, Clinical Manager.

[Click here for more details on this vacancy.](#)

MidCentral DHB News and Events:

- [MidCentral DHB Health Awards to celebrate Innovation and Integration – Information and Application information.](#)
- [First joint health needs assessment of Whanganui, and MidCentral DHB residents.](#)
- [Optometrists embrace new online tool.](#)
- [MDHB makes four external appointments to committees.](#)
- [Spotless staff celebrate Stepping Stones graduation.](#)
- [Three Public Health Nurses have the Tararua covered.](#)
- [Speech and Language Therapy Awareness Week](#)

New Community Paediatric Registrar for Horowhenua

Dr Sarah Loveday began working as the Community Paediatric Registrar in the Horowhenua region in December last year.

A Community Paediatrician is someone who works within the broader picture of paediatrics and deals with a wide range of issues relating to the wellbeing of children in our community. Dr Loveday is currently completing a community needs assessment to figure out what services need to be in place in the community.

When asked how she came to be in this role she said “I’ve always wanted to be a paediatrician. I love kids and working with them and their families, and I love educating families about the health of their children.”

Originally from Palmerston North, Dr Loveday went up to Auckland to attend Med School and worked as a doctor up there for ten years at the three major hospitals.

In Horowhenua her main aims are establishing links within the community and working out what health care providers need as well as what the community needs in the way of paediatric care. She has been visiting lots of schools, kindys, Plunket clinics and other child based community services to establish what is needed and wanted, and what challenges need to be overcome. Eventually Dr Loveday will make community paediatric recommendations for Horowhenua in the future.

“My favourite part of the job is actually having the resources and the time to work with the bigger groups of the community. The challenging aspect of the job is trying to find ways of accessing the hard to reach groups in the community, understanding the barriers to these groups and finding ways to overcome them”.



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Job Tonic is available to the general public.

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MidCentral DHB Midwives In South Africa

Cheryl Benn (WDHB and MDHB Midwifery Advisor) and Leona Dann (MDHB Midwifery Director) and Jane Stojanovic (Charge Midwife, Horowhenua Maternity Unit) travelled to Durban, South Africa to present at the International Confederation of Midwives Conference that was held from the 20th to the 24th June.

The conference started with their participation in a 5km walk along the Durban waterfront by most of the three thousand midwives from over one hundred countries. The walk was to draw attention to the high maternal mortality that exists in parts of Africa and Asia.

Cheryl and Leona presented MidCentral Health’s initiative to reduce the numbers of Caesarean Sections by the introduction of a pilot educational DVD. The DVD is for women who have had a Caesarean to help them with their choice of subsequent birth - vaginal birth following Caesarean or elective C/S. Jane Stojanovic presented results from her doctoral research into the management of the birth of the placenta.

Both presentations were very well received. New Zealand midwifery punches above its weight internationally, and there were at least twenty NZ midwives at the conference – many of whom were presenting research (a large number considering our population). Sue Bree, a former president of NZCOM was a keynote speaker. [Click here to view videos and pictures from the conference.](#)

