

# POLICY

## PRIVACY STATEMENT FOR ALL PERSONS WHO ACCESS MIDCENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD'S HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Applicable to: **MidCentral District Health Board**

Issued by: **Quality & Clinical Risk**

Contact: **Privacy Officer**

This statement relates to all information MidCentral Health collects and holds about you, now or in the future. We maintain this Policy to ensure that your personal information is held in confidence.

Information about you will be collected and retained by MidCentral Health.

Information collected about you will be used for:

- Monitoring and providing ongoing healthcare services for you
- Training of health professionals
- Health research in a manner which does not reveal your identity
- Administration of MidCentral Health
- Any purposes directly related to any of the above, or to prevent or lessen any serious threat to your life or health or that of another individual, or to public health or safety.

We aim to collect all information from you, however we may seek information about you from family, relatives, friends and other persons who we believe may be able to provide assistance to us should you be unable to do so yourself.

You have a right to see your personal information. In certain circumstances, you may correct personal information held by MidCentral Health unless it is supplied in confidence by another person or MidCentral Health is otherwise authorised in law to withhold it.

MidCentral Health will disclose information to other people/agencies providing health, disability or financial support to you, to enable continuity of healthcare.

Information may be shared with your preferred contact person unless you indicate otherwise.

At times, MidCentral Health may have a statutory or ethical obligation to disclose relevant information about you.

You are not obliged to give MidCentral Health any information. However, the failure to provide information may jeopardise the ability of MidCentral Health to provide adequate healthcare and treatment to you.