Appendix 11: Email sent from Chief Executive on nurse prescribing consultation February 2013

Subject: Consultation on Registered Nurse prescribing

Dear colleague

The Nursing Council is seeking your assistance to help us design and develop the best possible framework to allow registered nurses to prescribe safely and appropriately.

Our proposal builds on the success of the diabetes prescribing project. We want to create a regulatory framework that is flexible and supports suitably qualified nurses to prescribe in certain circumstances whilst ensuring that the Council meets its statutory obligations to assure the competence of nurses to protect public safety.

In developing our proposals, we have consulted widely across the sector. We have also worked closely with the Chief Nurse Business Unit in the Ministry of Health. That engagement and support from central government is important in shaping the policy, funding and employer support that are critical to the successful expansion of nurse prescribing.

We are all working in an environment where new more flexible models of care are being sought and developed to improve access to health services and to address the increasing numbers of New Zealanders with lifestyle related and chronic diseases. The Ministry is looking to nurses, as the largest component of the healthcare workforce, to expand their skills and knowledge in response to these changes

More flexible models of care require flexible scopes of practice. One of the key issues we will be asking you to consider is whether or not we need a new scope of practice for specialist nurse prescribers.

As you will see in our consultation document, we are consulting on two proposals for nurse prescribing:

1. Community nurse prescribing to enable nurses in community and outpatient settings to prescribe medicines for minor ailments and illnesses
2. Specialist nurse prescribing, to enable nurses working in a collaborative multidisciplinary team in specialty services or in general practice, to be able to prescribe for common conditions such as diabetes, asthma, hypertension

The details of these proposals and the associated qualifications, standards and competencies, as well as the lists of medicines nurses may prescribe, are contained in the consultation document.

Registered nurse prescribing is a significant and historic advance in the evolution of nursing practice. More significantly it is about delivering benefits to all New Zealanders in terms of improving access to health and to medicines. Your help in shaping and fine-tuning how we do this is important. I thank you for giving these proposals your time and consideration.

Click here for the consultation document.
Click here for the submission form.

With best wishes
Carolyn Reed

List of organisations the consultation document was emailed to

a) Nursing Professional Groups:

The consultation document was sent to the following nursing professional groups including members of Nurse Executives of New Zealand (NENZ).

College of Nurses Aotearoa (NZ) Inc
National Council of Maori Nurses
National Directors of Mental Health Nursing
Neonatal Nurses College of Aotearoa
New Zealand Nurses Organisation
Nga Manukura o Apopo
Nurse Practitioners New Zealand
Nurses Society of NZ
Occupational Health Nurses Association
Te Ao Maramatanga - New Zealand College of Mental Health Nurses
Te Runanga O Aotearoa
The Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery (Australia & New Zealand)
Wharangi Ruamano (NETS)
NENZ- Access
NENZ- Ashburton Hospital
NENZ- Auckland District Health Board
NENZ- Bay of Plenty District Health Board
NENZ- Bowen Hospital
NENZ- Braemar Hospital
NENZ- BUPA Care Services
NENZ- Burwood Hospital
NENZ- Canterbury District Health Board
NENZ- Capital & Coast District Health Board
NENZ- Christchurch Hospital
NENZ- Corrections Department
NENZ- Counties Manukau District Health Board
NENZ- Hawkes Bay District Health Board
NENZ- Healthcare NZ Ltd
NENZ- Hutt Valley District Health Board
NENZ- Lakes District Health Board
NENZ- Mercy Hospital
NENZ- Mercy/Ascot Hospital
NENZ- Metlifcare
NENZ- MidCentral Health
NENZ- Midlands Health Network
NENZ- Ministry of Health
NENZ- Nelson Marlborough District Health Board
NENZ- New Zealand Blood Service
NENZ- Northland District Health Board
NENZ- Nurse Maude
NENZ- NZ Defence Force Headquarters
NENZ- NZ Family Planning Association
NENZ- Oceania Group
NENZ- Pegasus Health
NENZ- Presbyterian Support Central
NENZ- Royal NZ Plunket Society
NENZ- South Canterbury District Health Board
NENZ- Southern Cross Health Trust
NENZ- Southern District Health Board
NENZ- St George’s Hospital
NENZ- Tairawhiti DHB
NENZ- Taranaki District Health Board
NENZ- Waikato District Health Board
NENZ- Wairarapa District Health Board
NENZ- Waitemata District Health Board
NENZ- Wakefield Hospital
NENZ- West Coast District Health Board
NENZ- Whanganui District Health Board

West Coast District Health Board

b) Other relevant health professional groups (including medical and other prescribers):

The consultation document was sent to the Chief Executives of the following groups.
Alcohol Drug Association NZ
Allied Health Professional Associations’ Forum
Association of Salaried Medical Specialists
Auckland Chinese Medical Association
College of Urgent Care Physicians
Council of Medical Colleges in New Zealand
Diabetes New Zealand
Dietitians New Zealand
General Practice New Zealand
Home care
Maori Medical Practitioners Association of Aotearoa/New Zealand
National Renal Advisory Board
New Zealand Association Occupational Therapists
New Zealand Association of Counsellors
New Zealand Association of Gerontology
New Zealand Association of Optometrists Inc
New Zealand Blood Service
New Zealand College of Midwives
New Zealand Institute of Rural Health
New Zealand Institute of Rural Health
New Zealand Medical Association
New Zealand Medical Students Association
New Zealand National Committee (Australia and NZ College of Anaesthetists)
New Zealand Private Surgical Hospitals Association
New Zealand Rehabilitation Association
New Zealand Society of Anaesthetists
New Zealand Speech-Language Therapists Association (NZSTA)
Nga Ngaru Hauora O Aotearoa
NZ Rural General Practice Network
NZSSD
Paediatrics Society NZ
Physiotherapy New Zealand
Public Health Association of NZ
Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists RANZCP
Royal NZ College of General Practitioners
The New Zealand Psychological Society
The Osteopathic Society of New Zealand
c) Health practitioner regulatory authorities

The consultation document was sent to the Chief Executives/ Registrars and the Chairpersons of the following regulatory authorities:

- An Bord Altranais
- Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency
- Australian Nursing & Midwifery Council
- Chiropractic Board
- College of Nurses of Ontario
- College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia
- Dental Council of New Zealand
- Medical Council of New Zealand
- Medical Laboratory Science Board
- Medical Radiation Technologists Board
- Medical Science Secretariat
- Midwifery Council of New Zealand
- MOH Singapore
- National Council of State Boards of Nursing
- New Zealand Chiropractic Board
- New Zealand Dietitians Board
- New Zealand Psychologists Board
- Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia
- Nursing and Midwifery Council
- Occupational Therapy Board of New Zealand
- Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board
- Osteopathic Council of New Zealand
- Pharmacy Council of New Zealand
- Physiotherapy Board of New Zealand
- Podiatrists Board of New Zealand
- Psychotherapists Board of Aotearoa New Zealand

d) Pharmacy organisations
The consultation document was sent to the Chief Executives of the following organisations.

Maori Pharmacists Association
New Zealand Hospital Pharmacists Association
Pharmaceutical Society of Australia
Pharmaceutical Society of New Zealand
Pharmaceutical Society of New Zealand
Pharmacy Defence Association
Pharmacy Guild of Australia
Pharmacy Guild of New Zealand

**e) Government organisations**
The consultation document was sent to representatives of the following organisations.

ACC
Chief Nurse Business Unit
Health & Disability Commission
Health Benefits Limited
Health Promotion Agency
Health Quality and Safety Commission
Health Workforce Australia
Health Workforce New Zealand
Mental Health Commission
Ministry of Health
Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs
National Health Board
Office of Hon Tony Ryall
Tertiary Education Commission

**f) Potential consumer groups**
The consultation document was sent the Chief Executives of the following groups.

Age Concern NZ Inc
CCS Disability Action
Community Care Trust
Federation of Women's Health Councils Aotearoa
Grey Power
Maternity Services Consumer Council
National Council of Women
NZ Council of Christian Social Services
Office of Commissioner for Children
Refugee Health
Rural Women New Zealand
Women's Health Action Trust
Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand

g) Māori organisations

The consultation document was sent to the following organisations.

Arai Te Uru Whare Hauora
Aroha Mai Maori Cancer Support Services
Awarua Health & Social Services
Awhina Wahine
CART
Central Health Ltd
Chatham Islands Maori Community Health
Choices
Hapai Te Hauora Maori Public Health
Hauora A Iwi Trust
Hauora Hokianga Trust
Hauora Waikato Maori Mental Health Services Trust
He Oranga Pounamu
He Puna Hauora
He Tohunga Ora Mo Rangitaiki
He Waka Tapu
Health through the Marae
Hinepukohurangi Trust
Hora Te Pai Health Services
Huakina Development Trust
Huria Management Trust Inc
Kahungunu Executive
Karidon Trust
Kia Ora Ngatiwai Health Trust
Kokiri Marae Keriana Olsen Trust
Maata Waka Trust
Maketu Health & Social Services Trust
Maniapoto Māori Trust Board
Maori Womens Welfare League
Maraeroa Marae Association
Mataatua Sports Trust
Mirror Counselling Services and Mirror Youth Day Programme
Mokowhiti Consultancy
Muaupoko Tribal Authority
Nga Kaitiaki Hauora o Waikaremoana Trust
Nga Kakano Foundation
Nga Kete Matauranga Pounamu
Nga Matapuna Oranga Primary Health Organisation
Nga Miro Charitable Trust
Nga Morehu Whanau Trust
Nga Tapuhi Whakawhanau
Nga Tekau Health Services
Nga Whakatauki Trust
Ngaitai Iwi Authority
Ngaitate Ahi Ngati He Hauora
Ngapuhi Social Services Ltd
Ngaruahine Iwi Health Services
Ngati Kahu Social & Health Services
Ngati Kapo o Aotearoa
Ngati Pahauwera
Ngati Pikiao Health Services
Ngati Porou Hauora
Ngati Rangi Community Health Centre
Ngati Ranginui Iwi Health Service
Ora Toa Health Services
Otaihape Maori Komiti Inc
Pai Ake Solutions Limited
Pirirakau Hauora Charitable Trust
Piritahi Hauora Trust
Poupoua Charitable Trust
Poutiri Charitable Trust
Proactive Trust
Purapura Whetu Trust
Queen Street Practise
Rangitane o Tamaki nui a Rua
Rata Te Awhina Trust
Rau o te Huia Community Trust
Rauawaawa Kaumatua Charitable Trust
Raukawa Charitable Trust
Raukura Waikato Social Services
Raumano Health Trust
Ringa Atawhai Trust
Sport and Leisure Association Mangakino
Taikura Trust
Tamaiti Whangai Primary Health Organisation
Te Ahurei a Rangatahi
Te Aitanga a Hauiti Hauora
Te Amo Health
Te Ao Hou Trust
Te Aroha Medcare Ltd
Te Atiawa Medical Centre
Te Runanga Kirikiriroa
Te Runanga Nga Tamawhariua
Te Runanga o Kirikiriroa
Te Runanga o Nga Maata Waka
Te Runanga O Ngaiterangi Iwi Trust
Te Runanga o Raukawa Inc
Te Runanga o Te Rarawa
Te Runanga O Te Whanau Charitable Trust
Te Runanganui o Taranaki Whanui ki te Upoko o te Ika a Maui
Te Tai O Marokura Charitable Trust
Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga
Te Tahi Hauora o Taranaki
Te Tohu o te Ora o Ngati Awa
Te Toi Huarewa Trust
Te Tomika Trust
Te Upoko O Nga Oranga O Te Rae
Te Waihora a Tane
Te Whaihora Sports Trust
Te Whanau Kotahi (Families Together)
Te Whanau Tokotokorangi Trust
Te Whare Hauora o Ngati Kahu
Te Whare Hauora o Ngongotaha
Te Whare Ngakau Trust
Te Whare Oranga - Health & Wellness Centre, Port Waikato
Te Whare Puawai o Te Tangata Trust
Te Whare Ruruhau O Meri Trust Board
The Otago Youth Wellness Trust
THS and Associates Limited
Tipu Ora Charitable Trust
Tokomairiro Waiora
Tu Kotahi Maori Asthma Trust
Tu Tama Wahine o Taranaki
Tuhoe Hauora Trust
Tui Ora Ltd
Tui Ora Maori Mental Health
Tui Ora Nursing Services
Turanga Health
Tuwharetoa Health
Uruuruwhenua Health Inc
Waipu Hauora
Waitaha Hauoranga Charitable Trust
Wellington Tenths Trust
Whaiora Homecare Services
Whaiora Whanui Trust
Whaioranga Trust
Whakaatu Whanaunga Trust
Whakatohia Iwi Social & Health Services
Whakatu Marae Whanau Ora
Whanau Tautoko Charitable Trust

h) Pharmaceutical industry:
Medicines New Zealand

i) Funding authority:
PHARMAC

j) Other interested organisations including DHBs and PHOs
The consultation document was sent to the Chief Executives of the following organisations.

Access Home Health
Acurity Health Group Ltd
Alliance Health Plus Trust
Althorp Private Hospital
Anglican Aged Care
Ashburn Psychiatric Health Care
Atawai Mercy Assisi Home and Hospital
Auckland District Health Board
Auckland PHO Limited
Bay of Plenty District Health Board
Bidwell Trust Hospital
Boulcott Hospital
Cancer Society of New Zealand
Capital & Coast District Health Board
Care Group Ltd
Chelsea Private Hospital
Christchurch PHO Limited
Churchill Hospital Trust
Clutha Health First
Compass Health
Comprehensive Health Services
Cosine Primary Care Network Trust, Karori Medical Centre
Cosine Primary Care Network Trust, Ropata Medical Centre
Counties Manukau District Health Board
DHB Chief Medical Officers
East Health Trust
Eastern Bay Primary Health Alliance
Endoscopy & Laparoscopy Auckland
Eye Specialists Ltd
Family Planning NZ
Geneva Health Care
Gillies Hospital
Grace Hospital
Hauraki PHO
Hawke’s Bay District Health Board
Health and Disability NGO Working Group
Health Care Aotearoa
Health Hawke’s Bay Limited
Health Promotion Forum of New Zealand
Health Rotorua Limited
Healthcare of New Zealand
Healthcare of New Zealand Holdings Ltd Group
HealthCare Providers New Zealand
HealthCare Providers New Zealand
Helensville Birthing Centre
Hospice New Zealand
Hospice Southland
Hutt Valley District Health Board
Kate McLean Homecare Ltd
Kimi Hauora Wairau (Marlborough PHO Trust)
Kynance Consulting Ltd
Lakes District Health Board
Life Homecare Services
Lifewise
Lumsden Maternity Centre
Maida Vale Retirement Village
Manaia Health PHO Limited
Manuka Street Trust Hospital
Mary Potter Hospice
Matua Raki
McIssac Healthcare
Mental Health Advocacy Coalition
Mercy Hospital Dunedin
MidCentral District Health Board
Middlemore Foundation for Health Innovation
Midlands Health Network
Miranda Smith Homecare
National Hauora Coalition
National Health Committee
National Maori Coalition Incorporated
Nelson Bays Primary Health
New Zealand Home Health Association Inc
New Zealand Red Cross
Nga Mataapuna Oranga Limited
Nightingale Nursing & Homecare Ltd
Northland District Health Board
Nurse Maude
Nursing New Zealand
Oceania Group
Ora Toa PHO Limited
Oxford Clinic Hospital
Pacific Homecare
Panacea Healthcare
Parents Centres New Zealand Incorporated
Partnership Health (Canterbury)
Pathways Health Ltd
Peacehaven Resthome and Hospital
Pohlen Hospital
Premium HomeCare
Presbyterian Support New Zealand
Primary and Community Services (Not an official PHO)
Pro Care
ProCare Networks Limited
Public Service Association
QE Health
Quay Park Surgical Centre
Rotorua Area Primary Health Services
Royston Hospital
Rural Canterbury PHO
Salvation Army
Selina Sutherland Hospital Ltd
Shore Surgery Ltd
South Canterbury District Health Board
South Canterbury Hospice
Southern Cross Aorangi Hospital Partnership
Southern District Health Board
Southern Primary Health Organisation
St Georges Hospital Inc
Starship Foundation
Summerset
Tairawhiti Healthcare Limited
Taranaki District Health Board
Te Awakairangi Health Trust Board
Te Tai Tokerau PHO Limited
Total Healthcare Charitable Trust (New PHO from Oct 2012)
Totara Hospice South Auckland
Ultimate Care Group
Waikato District Health Board
Wairarapa District Health Board
Waitemata District Health Board
k) Education Providers
The consultation document was sent to representatives from the following education providers.

Auckland University of Technology
Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology
Christchurch School of Medicine and Health Science
Eastern Institute of Technology
Manukau Institute of Technology
Massey University
Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology
North Tec
Northland Polytechnic
Otago Polytechnic
Southern Institute of Technology
UCOL Universal College of Learning
UNITEC Institute of Technology
University of Auckland
University of Otago
University of Sydney
Victoria University of Wellington
Waiariki Institute of Technology
Waikato Institute of Technology
Western Institute of Technology at Taranaki
Whitireia Community Polytechnic
Nurse Education in the Tertiary Sector co-ordinator

l) Other regulatory authorities
Social Workers Registration Board
Veterinary Council of New Zealand

m) Pacific Health organisations
Cook Islands Health Network Association
Health Star Pacific Trust
K’aute Pasifika Services
Le Va (Pasifika within Te Pou)
Otago Pacific Peoples Health Trust
Pacific Community Healthcare (Vakaola)
Pacific Health Service Porirua
Pacific Peoples' Addiction Services Incorporated (PPASI)
Pacific Trust Canterbury
Pacificika Medical Association
Pasifika Integrated Healthcare Ltd
Penina Health Trust
South Seas Healthcare Trust
South Waikato Pacific Island Community Services Inc
Taeaomanino Trust
Te Pou o Te Whakaaro Nui
Te Rapakau Pacific Trust
Tongan Nurses Association

n) Media
APN Educational Media
Kai Tiaki Nursing New Zealand
NZ Doctor
Pharmacy Today

o) Members of Parliament
Spokesperson for Health- Green MP
Spokesperson for Health- Labour MP
Associate Minister of Health- Maori Party Co-Leader
Associate Minister of Health- National MP
Associate Minister of Health- United Future Party Leader

p) Nursing Council Maori Advisors

q) Individual Health Practitioners