Q6: Do you support nurse practitioner being a broad generic scope of practice (like registered nurse and enrolled nurse) and the removal of the requirement for registration to be restricted to a specific area of practice?

Yes,

Please give your reasons
We consider it is broad already. Difficult to answer. We support a broad generic scope of practice if gaining a specific speciality is also an option, with some flexibility around this. We need more of a strategy at the DHB around the potential need for developing NP roles to meet population health needs.

Q7: Do you support the focus on leadership within clinical practice in the new proposed scope of practice statement?

Yes,

Please give your reasons
Yes we consider the value of the role is the clinical leadership focus.

Q8: Do you agree with the inclusion of advanced nursing skills and knowledge in the proposed new scope of practice?

Yes,

Please give your reasons
We agree that inclusion of advanced describes the nursing skills and knowledge of the NP rather than expert, which better describes a registered nurse and is already used widely for the RN role e.g. Expert PDRP. This differentiation will help reduce confusion between a CNS and an NP role for example.

Q9: Do you agree with the proposed new scope of practice for nurse practitioner?

Yes,

Please explain your reasons or suggest changes or alternative wording
Yes while it is very wordy it does clarify the NP scope and role well.

Q10: Do you support a dedicated Masters programme with a broad focus for nurse practitioner preparation?

Yes,

Please give your reasons
Yes, this is sensible and helps standardise NP preparation.

Q11: Do you support the Council specifying clinical learning time within the programme for nurse practitioners?

Yes,

Please give your reasons
Yes, it is important to identify clear expectations around clinical learning time.
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**Q12:** How much clinical learning time should be included in the programme in addition to the prescribing practicum (a minimum of 150 hours)?

We consider a minimum of 300 hrs or more be included.

**Q13:** Do you think that a student must have employer support to complete a practicum with supernumerary hours?

Yes,

Please give your reasons
Manager support is important to gain support for release from an existing clinical role and to support advanced learning. There is difficulty around releasing nurses from clinical roles due to patient/client demand and it is not easy to backfill/replace. Sometimes there is no NP role available to grow into. Support financially is HWNZ, but will it be limited if no manager support? Need some flexibility around this.

**Q14:** What other requirements for the clinical learning hours should be specified by the Council e.g. mentor criteria, setting, competence or other assessments?

We agree with those described, but the setting should be able to include the NP candidates existing practice as well as other experience.

**Q15:** Do you think the Postgraduate diploma in registered nurse prescribing for long term and common conditions should be a pre-requisite for nurse practitioner programmes?

Yes,

Please give your reasons
This provides clarity around a good pathway for NP candidates. There is value in having a practical mid way outcome such as RN prescribing, especially if decisions around being an NP candidate change. A PG diploma study and experience to gain RN prescribing is valuable.

**Q16:** Do you support Nursing Council setting the programme outcomes for nurse practitioner programmes?

Yes,

Please give your reasons
Yes we expect them to set the standard outcomes for a NP programme.

**Q17:** Do you agree with the draft programme outcomes for nurse practitioner?

Yes,

Please explain your reasons or suggest changes or alternatives
Yes they are well described.

**Q18:** Do you think that the Council has a role in accrediting tertiary courses and programmes that do not lead to nurse practitioner or registered nurse prescribing?

Yes,

Please give your reasons
Yes we think if the NCNZ is involved in this it will help nurses to make more appropriate decisions about their pathway choices.

**Q19:** Any other comments on the scope of practice or education programme?

We agree it is good to clarify the scope of practice for the NP and to have a supportive education programme, but to retain a bit of flexibility within this.