

Appendix Two

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – Gender Affirming Primary Care Advisory Group (GAPCAG)

Te Whatu Ora

Across multiple determinants of health, transgender (trans) and non-binary people experience poorer health outcomes than the general population.¹ Trans and non-binary identities intersect with every other population group including Māori, Pacific, and whaikaha (disabled) peoples, which can further compound health inequities.

On 1 July 2022, Budget 2022 allocated \$2.182 million over four years to improve access to primary care for transgender and non-binary people.

The funding has been allocated to the following workstreams:

- a. funding up to eight primary and community health providers over four years to deliver gender-affirming services
- b. updating national guidelines for gender-affirming health care and lead referral pathways for gender-affirming health services and supports
- c. developing training and workforce resources and programmes to improve workforce responsiveness to transgender patients.

The GAPCAG will meet to make recommendations on the delivery of the above work programme. Each deliverable may draw upon different areas of expertise, and the GAPCAG will encompass a broad range of perspectives, lived experiences and regional knowledge.

In making yourself available to be considered for appointment, please ensure that:

- there is nothing that would preclude your appointment
- you have considered and fully declared any [conflicts of interest](#) you may have
- you are available to serve for a full term of up to two years
- you can commit to monthly meetings of approximately two hours.

Application details

The advisory group will be a partnership between clinical, community and consumer representatives, including Takatāpui and MVPFAFF+² communities. Applicants of all backgrounds are welcome to apply.

¹ Veale J, Byrne J, Tan K, Guy S, Yee A, Nopera T & Bentham R (2019) Counting Ourselves: The health and wellbeing of trans and non-binary people in Aotearoa New Zealand. Transgender Health Research Lab, University of Waikato: Hamilton NZ

² MVPFAFF+ is an acronym to describe Pasifika identities, such as Mahu (Hawai'i and Tahiti), Vaka sa. lewa lewa (Fiji), Palopa (Papua New Guinea) Fa'afafine (Samoa) Akava'ine. (Rarotonga), Fakaleiti or Leiti (Tonga), Fakafifine (Niue).

Applicants must be a resident of, and living in, Aotearoa New Zealand.

If you are interested in this position, please provide a covering letter detailing your experience relevant to the GAPCAG and why the position is of interest to you. If shortlisted for the position, the Project team may contact you for additional information.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact primary.care@health.govt.nz

The information you submit is kept confidential and you can request access to, and correction of, any personal information we hold about you by contacting primary.care@health.govt.nz

If you are interested in this position, please send a covering letter to primary.care@health.govt.nz

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The closing date for all nominations is 11.59pm 8 February 2023.