

**Key messages – Disability
Steering Group (DSG) May 2017**

Canterbury

District Health Board

Te Poari Hauora o Waitaha

To:	Key DSG stakeholders
Purpose	To provide a brief summary of the key messages from each Disability Steering Group (DSG) meeting. For more information please contact the DSG facilitator (details below)

- 1.1 **Welcome** – to members attending and April minutes approved.
- 1.2 **Improving communication with disabled people** – Mick O’Donnell from Communications gave an update on adding content to Disability Action Plan page on CDHB website. In addition to the quarterly newsletter to update stakeholders on the progress of the Group, a key message summary for each meeting will be emailed to subscribers.
- 1.3 **Employing more disabled people and making it better for disabled staff** - Michele and Richard from CDHB People and Capability gave an update to the group about Project Search. The group discussed supporting disabled staff in their role and career path. How to measuring progress was also discussed. Community representative Prudence Walker offered to take this forward, making use of her expertise and experience through CCS.
- 1.4 **Improving Disability Awareness for staff** – Richard spoke about the healthLearn package. Richard will circulate access details to the group to get an overview on training for the South Island health workforce.
- 1.5 **Parking** – CDHB Representative, Rachel Cadle, has been appointed to liaise over parking updates. The group requested a meeting with Rachel to work through options that are being discussed with Leadership, CCC and Ōtākaro. Discussions are taking place regarding two potential sites that have a surface appropriate for wheelchairs. Accessibility – a written summary on the Accessibility Charter was circulated. Allison Nichols-Dunsmuir presented on the charter and how it relates to the Canterbury Health System’s commitments in the Disability Action Plan.
- 1.6 **Key areas of focus** – Allison Nichols-Dunsmuir presented an update on Intellectual Disability and Learning Disabilities. Issues with accessibility of the Hillmorton site were discussed. Jane Hughes spoke of the range of individuals with different needs and the challenges with buildings. Sekisipia Tangi spoke of his interest in this sector with respect to the needs of the Pasifika community.
- 1.7 **Other items** – photos taken of group for website and other publicity.