Prescribing challenges and what the future holds

An inquiry focused session

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Introduction and overview

NCNZ consultation document Feb 2013
Prescribing competency framework developed
Education framework for RN specialist nurse prescribing
What is the status quo – the current context of practice?

- Who are the populations you work with?
- Who uses standing orders and why?
- Who prescribes now in your practice areas?
- Thinking about all of those things does this meet the needs of your population?
- What is the difference between authorised prescribers and designated prescribing rights for nurses?
- Does it use the skills of everyone in the practice?

We have a change coming

- What are the opportunities for nurses in your area of practice?
- What do these opportunities look like?
- How could these opportunities be enabled?
- What are the challenges, tensions in practice?
So what now?

- How do we enable designated nurse prescribing?
- What nursing leadership is needed?
- How many hours per week do RN prescribers need to be working to sustain a competent level of practice?
- How much professional development and supervision is needed to support these nurses?
- What are the education needs of potential designated prescribers?

Self assessment for prescribing practice

- So what do you need to ask yourself and your staff?
- What knowledge and qualifications do you have that would contribute to your development on the prescribing pathway?
- What do you need to know to advise others?