The Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy

*Te Kaunihera Whakawhanaunga o nga Minita Hohipera, Hauora*

**JOB DESCRIPTION – HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN**

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| **Position title** | **Hospital Chaplain .4 FTE** |
| **Location** | **Hauora Tairāwhiti - Gisborne** |

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| **The Role of ICHC and the Hospital Chaplain** |
| The Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy (ICHC) is committed to providing Christian Chaplains within Aotearoa New Zealand’s healthcare environment. We are committed to principles of partnership expressed in the Treaty of Waitangi.  We are purposeful in promoting, maintaining and developing relevant and flexible Chaplaincy (Spiritual Care) services to all those within Aotearoa New Zealand’s Public Hospitals regardless of religious affiliation, faith orientation, belief system, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation.  ICHC comprises a broad composition of Churches and the primary purpose of our ministry is to offer Spiritual Care that is patient and whanau centred. We do this by showing compassion that fuels hope, healing and peace amid suffering.  The purpose of this position is to provide pastoral, spiritual and/or religious care to all within the DHB/hospital community. |

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| **Primary Reporting Line** | **Lead Chaplain** |
| **Key internal relationships** | ICHC National Office  Regional Chaplain  Volunteer Chaplaincy Assistants |
| **External relationships** | Patients, Family/Whanau  Clinical Staff  Hospital administrative support  Local Churches  Community groups  Leaders of faith/spiritual organisations |

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| **Functions and responsibilities** (key activities, task and outcomes to be achieved) |
| * Your primary responsibility is to deliver Spiritual HealthCare to patients suffering ill health or accident, to their whanau and to staff within a public hospital. * Respond to crisis calls. * Visit wards/units. * Conduct spiritual/religious services and rituals in the hospital. * If requested or appropriate refer to other religious or spiritual leaders. * Support Volunteer Chaplaincy Assistants as guided by the Lead Chaplain. * Assist the Lead Chaplain, chaplaincy team members and ICHC with other duties as required. * Ongoing professional development as directed by ICHC |

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| **Preferred Competencies** |
| * Patient centred focus. * High level of religious/spiritual/ideological understanding. * Suitable Qualification. * Commitment to the vision, mission and values of ICHC. * Articulate in written and spoken English. * High level of cultural awareness. * Clinical Pastoral Education |

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| **Key job requirements** |
| * To adhere with all ICHC policies. * To adhere to hospital policies as agreed in the MoU between ICHC and the DHB. * Current letter of ordination, accreditation, good standing or equivalent * Experience in hospital chaplaincy, pastoral counselling or other relevant ministry. * A current driver’s licence. * Some fluency in Te Reo Māori * Police Vetting Check * Computer literacy |

I have read and understood the above Job Description and accept all the above responsibilities incorporated herein.

Signed:

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