

***Central Regional Ethics Committee***

**Annual Report**

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This report provides an overview of the work of the Central Regional Ethics Committee from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2007. The report was presented to the Central Regional Ethics Committee at its meeting on 13 May 2008.

The report details applications received for ethical approval, the review of those applications and other work undertaken by the committee.

## Chairperson's Report

It is a privilege to present this report on behalf of the Central Region Health and Disability Ethics Committee (CREC) for 2007. The strength of the committee is the diversity of its members and their commitment to our work, despite the call of other obligations – such as employment, family and community service – upon their time. I especially acknowledge those members whose attendance requires much time and inconvenience in travelling considerable distances, and I note the pressure this sometimes places them under. For their willingness to do this I am particularly grateful as the committee's value to the community is enhanced by good representation from around the region we serve.

During 2007 the CREC committee reviewed 138 applications. Of these, 91 were full applications reviewed by the whole committee and 47 were expedited applications, reviewed by the chair or deputy chair. The expedited review process is a recent development, following NEAC's *Guidelines for Observational Studies*. Expedited review has some advantages: it can process most simple applications quickly and save time for the committee and the researcher. However, delays occur when applications press the boundaries of what expedited review should permit. In several instances such applications have gone to the committee and a full application has been required. It should be noted that this process both inherently places a new burden of judgment on the chair or deputy chair, and that it also increases their workload. I question whether this is either wise or reasonable.

Inevitably the turnaround time on applications is extended when applications are incomplete. It may be helpful to point out that some sections of the national application form consistently seem to present a few researchers with problems, and absorb committee or administrative time accordingly. I refer to the requirement for consultation with Maori and, to a much lesser extent, the locality assessment. The committee has spent time explaining the need for compliance in these areas to researchers. It is to be hoped that, when finally available, the revised national application form will assist further in this.

As will be seen elsewhere in the report, the committee received a complaint regarding the termination of a protocol which involved the safety assessment of two popular party drugs: BZP and BZP+TFMPP. Information was sought under the Official Information Act 1981 and we were also asked to review the research. To give a diligent and appropriate response to the complaint was a time-consuming and costly exercise that exposed the extent to which HDEC committees are vulnerable in the way they are resourced. Committee members were generous with their time and I greatly appreciate the help and expert guidance given by our national co-ordinator, Ms Sally Cook.

I think it is fair to report that the appointment system has been felt to have its limitations. This year there has been a delay in replacing members due to retire about November 2007. This has been unfortunate, and I do appreciate the willingness of retiring members continuing over into the New Year until the new appointment process was completed.

It is regrettable that the New Year saw a 50 percent turnover in membership, with six members leaving: Matire Harwood, Jacqui Virtue, John Kleinsman, Guy Taylor, Jackie Renouf and Trevor James. This is an unsatisfactorily high turnover in one year and disruptive to the committee. I hope this will be avoided in the future.

In some ways the heart of the committee is its administrator. So, in August, we were very sad to farewell Jan Ostnes and Claire Yendoll who served the Wellington Ethics Committee for some years and the CREC Committees from its inception. They carried a lot of the 'institutional memory' and were invaluable – especially as chairs and members changed over time. In September the committee welcomed Jiska van Bruggen as its new administrator and I greatly appreciate the dedication and resilience she has shown as she has adapted to this demanding position.

Thanks are due to our national co-ordinator, Sally Cook, who works tirelessly for all the committees. As in previous years, her experience and wisdom has been invaluable. Finally, I thank all the committee for their hard work and for the trust and support they have given me as Chair. It has been a privilege to share in this work with them.

Trevor James  
Chairperson

# Committee Membership

## Appointments

The following members were appointed by the Minister of Health, pursuant to section 11 of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000.

### Chairperson (from July 2006)

<b>Trevor James</b>	BA, BD, PhD (Lon)
Representation	Lay member
Member category	Community representative
Gender	Male
Date of appointment	November 2004
Term of appointment	3 years
Retirement date	November 2007
Professional affiliations	Canon Theologian, Diocese of Waikato
Iwi affiliations	None

### Deputy Chairperson

<b>Jacqui Virtue</b>	MBChB, FRNZCGP, DipGP
Representation	Non-lay member
Member category	Health practitioner
Gender	Female
Date of appointment	November 2004
Term of appointment	3 years
Retirement date	November 2007
Professional affiliations	General Practitioner, Regional Director, General Practice Education Programme, Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners
Iwi affiliations	None

### Members

<b>Mohamad Naseen (Joe) Asghar</b>	MSc, MBA, FCPP(UK), FRPharmS(UK), Hon FFPH(UK), MPS, Reg Pharm NZ
Representation	Non-lay member
Member category	Pharmacist
Gender	Male
Date of appointment	November 2006
Term of appointment	3 years
Retirement date	November 2009
Professional affiliations	Pharmacy Industry Training Organisation, New Zealand HealthCare Pharmacists' Association
Iwi affiliations	None

<b>Matire Harwood</b>	MBCbB
Representation	Non-lay member
Member category	Biostatistician
Gender	Female
Date of appointment	November 2004
Term of appointment	3 years
Retirement date	November 2007
Professional affiliations	Medical practitioner, research fellow
Iwi affiliations	Ngā Puhi, Hapū Mahurehure, Ngāti Rangī, Ngāti Hine
<b>Maureen Holdaway</b>	PhD
Representation	Non-lay member
Member category	Health researcher
Gender	Female
Date of appointment	November 2006
Term of appointment	2 years
Retirement date	November 2008
Professional affiliations	Massey University
Iwi affiliations	Te Atihaunui-o-Paparangi, Ngāti Hauiti
<b>John Kleinsman</b>	MTheol, NZCE (Elec)
Representation	Lay member
Member category	Ethicist
Gender	Male
Date of appointment	November 2004
Term of appointment	3 years
Retirement date	November 2007
Professional affiliations	Researcher, the Nathaniel Centre; Lecturer, Wellington Catholic Education Centre
Iwi affiliations	None
<b>Jacqueline Renouf</b>	MA (1st class Hons), CQSW Dip Tch
Representation	Lay member
Member category	Community representative
Gender	Female
Date of appointment	July 2005
Term of appointment	3 years
Retirement date	July 2008
Professional affiliations	
Iwi affiliations	None
<b>Helen Colebrook</b>	BA, LLB, LLM (Hons)
Representation	Lay member
Member category	Lawyer
Gender	Female
Date of appointment	November 2006
Term of appointment	3 years
Retirement date	November 2009
Professional affiliations	Lawyer
Iwi affiliations	None

<b>Guy Taylor</b>	MBCChB, MRCP(UK), FRACP, Dip MsM (Hons)
Representation	Non-lay member
Member category	Health researcher
Gender	Male
Date of appointment	November 2004
Term of appointment	3 years
Retirement date	November 2007
Professional affiliations	Rheumatologist and clinical audit co-ordinator, Whanganui District Health Board
Iwi affiliations	None
<b>Anne Tuffin</b>	MPhil (Education)
Representation	Lay member
Member category	Community representative
Gender	Female
Date of appointment	November 2006
Term of appointment	3 years
Retirement date	November 2009
Professional affiliations	Health promoter/educator
Iwi affiliations	None
<b>Dianne Wepa</b>	BSW, CQSW, Pgrad Dip, MPhil, MANZASW
Representation	Lay member
Member category	Community representative
Gender	Female
Date of appointment	November 2004
Term of appointment	3 years
Retirement date	November 2007
Professional affiliations	Senior Lecturer, Eastern Institute of Technology, Hawkes Bay
Iwi affiliations	Ngāti Kahungunu
<b>Elaine Papps</b>	RN, BA, Med (Distinction), PhD
Representation	Non-lay member
Member category	Health practitioner
Gender	Female
Date of appointment	December 2006
Term of appointment	3 years
Retirement date	December 2009
Professional affiliations	Director of Nursing, Hawke's Bay District Health Board
Iwi affiliations	None

## Changes to membership

Members who were appointed until November 2007 have agreed to continue on the committee until new appointments were made for the 2008 year.

## Members' attendance in 2007

Member	M/F	Lay/ non-lay	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Helen Colebrook (lawyer)	F	L	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	9/11
Joe Asghar (pharmacist)	M	NL	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	9/11
Matire Harwood* (biostatistician)	F	NL	A	A	Y	A	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	6/11
Maureen Holdaway* (health researcher)	F	NL	Y	A	Y	A	Y	A	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	7/11
Trevor James (community rep)	M	L	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10/11
John Kleinsman (ethicist)	M	L	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10/11
Guy Taylor (health researcher)	M	NL	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	8/11
Jacqui Virtue (health practitioner)	F	NL	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	A	A	7/11
Dianne Wepa* (community rep)	F	L	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	A	8/11
Jacqueline Renouf (community rep)	F	L	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	A	A	6/11
Anne Tuffin (community rep)	F	L	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	Y	Y	9/11
Elaine Papps (health practitioner)	F	NL	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	A	Y	A	Y	Y	A	7/11
<b>No. of members present</b>			<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	
<b>No. of applications</b>			<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>86</b>

\* = Māori member

Y = Present

A = Apology

## Training

### New member training

New members of the health and disabilities ethics committees were offered training in Wellington in April 2007. No members of the committee attended the training.

### Ongoing training

No ongoing training for members was held in 2007. A training session on applications for expedited review was held for chairpersons, deputy chairpersons and administrators on 27 April prior to the chairpersons' meeting.

## **Meeting of the Māori members**

A meeting of the Māori members of all health and disability ethics committees was held on 13 June 2007. The following members of the Central Regional Ethics Committee attended: Matire Harwood, Dianne Wepa and Maureen Holdaway.

Dianne Wepa reported to the committee at the July meeting that there had been discussion on the Māori ethical framework project lead by the National Ethics Advisory Committee. A revised cultural and social responsibility section of the national application form for ethical approval of a research project was finalised to be presented to the next chairpersons' meeting.

## **Chairpersons' meetings**

Three meetings of the chairpersons of the multi-region and the regional ethics committees were held in 2007. Trevor James and Jacqui Virtue attended the chairpersons' meeting on 15–16 February 2007 and Trevor James attended the chairpersons' meeting on 27 April and 25–26 October 2007.

## **Visit to Wakefield Gastroenterology Centre**

Helen Colebrook, John Kleinsman, Anne Tuffin and the administrator, Jiska van Bruggen, visited the Wakefield research centre to discuss consent issues relating to samples from studies that were over five years' old.

## **Approval by the Health Research Council**

The committee is approved by the Health Research Council until December 2010.

## **United States Department of Health and Human Services Registration**

The Central Regional Ethics Committee is registered with the United States Department of Health and Human Services. This registration enables the committee to review research funded by the United States Government. The registration number is: IRB00004666 – Central Regional Ethics Committee.

## Response to Cultural Issues

Number of applications deferred because Māori guidelines were not read	0
Number of applications for which consultation with Māori was considered appropriate	Māori consultation is required for all studies except retrospective review of patient/client notes or data, some student projects and studies specifically excluding Māori participants.
Number of applications returned through insufficient consultation on cultural issues	27
Process the committee has for following through on consultation	Cultural issues are raised with the researcher. The committee requests the result of consultation and its proposed implementation before approval is given.
Cases of unsatisfactory reasons for not including Māori	0
Mechanisms in place to facilitate consultation with Māori by researchers	Researchers are referred to Capital & Coast District Health Board, Māori Health Development Unit. Other suitable organisations for referral may be suggested by the committee.
Examples of Māori not being included in research	Research conducted solely in Pacific communities may involve procedures that are culturally sensitive to Māori participants.

Most members of the Central Regional Ethics Committee share responsibility in terms of matters pertaining to Māori so that the work does not become the sole responsibility of the three Māori members.

The committee has received a range of protocols that have not considered Māori consultation. A hui for Māori members of all the committees was held in June to consider this component as part of Section F of the national application form for ethical approval of a research project. The chairpersons' meeting has adopted the recommendations made within the discussion document.

We continue to encourage applicants to capture ethnicity data alongside other vital statistics so that the capacity for recording Māori participation rates in research is increased.

Dianne Wepa

# Applications

The committee held 11 scheduled meetings from February to December 2007.

## Central Regional Ethics Committee statistics for January–December 2007

<b>Applications reviewed by the full committee</b>	
Applications approved	60
Applications deferred as at time of report	1
Applications deferred and subsequently approved	8
Applications declined	1
Applications carried forward (approved subject to conditions)	8
Ethics committee approval not required	6
Studies withdrawn by researcher	2
<b>Total number of applications considered by the full committee</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>Expedited review applications</b>	
Expedited review applications approved	47
Expedited review applications declined review – ethics committee approval not required	0
Expedited review applications declined review – full application required	1
Expedited review applications carried forward (approved subject to conditions)	0
<b>Total number of expedited review applications reviewed</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Total number of applications received</b>	<b>134</b>

## Other committee statistics

Number of matters arising	6
Number of general business items	37
Number of amendments reviewed by committee	0
Number of amendments approved under Delegated Authority	45

## Innovative practice

No innovative practice applications were reviewed.

## School science fair project

Ten school science fair projects were reviewed in 2007.

## **Second opinions**

There were no second opinions sought.

## **Complaint**

### **CEN/05/12/095 – Safety assessment of two popular legal party drugs: BZP and BZP+TFMPP**

In February 2007, a request was received for the release of documents relating to the above study under the Official Information Act 1982. A complaint was subsequently received from the requester of this information that the study had not been carried out in accordance with the protocol. The complainant also asked whether the committee had been consulted before the study was terminated, and sought clarification of the reasons given for the termination of the study. The complainant subsequently requested that the committee carry out a review of the study.

A subcommittee met with the researcher, reviewed the file and information provided by the complainant. It considered that the study had been carried out as approved by the committee. It did identify, however, that, although amendments were approved, revised information sheets had not been provided to the committee, and the committee had given its approval without requesting these sheets. It also noted the importance of ensuring that a new version number and date were used each time an information sheet/consent form was changed.

The committee advised the complainant that it was not usual practice for researchers to consult with the committee prior to any unblinding as a result of safety concerns, or prior to a study being terminated.

The committee considered there was no reason to carry out an independent review of the study. There was no evidence of any harm or potential harm to participants. It considered the process of peer review to be the most appropriate for ensuring that researchers meet the standards of their discipline, particularly with regard to analysis of study results.

The complainant and researcher were advised of the committee's decisions.

## **Issues for the committee**

### **Compensation**

The committee had concerns about compensation to participants in the event that a researcher had deviated from the study protocol. In such circumstances, participants were excluded from the company compensation provisions, and this could mean that, in some instances, research participants were worse off in terms of cover than under Accident Compensation Corporation provisions.

## **Use of historical collections of samples**

Requests for the use of samples from historical collections where the consent given was not in accordance with current guidelines raised concerns for the committee. In such cases, it is often unclear what consent has been given or implied, for example, for whether samples are to be sent overseas or used for other purposes. The committee had further concerns about these samples being used outside the study for which they were collected without further consent being sought from the individual whose sample it was or their family.

# Guidelines for the Chairperson's Delegation

At its meeting on 14 December 2004, the committee agreed to delegate the following authority to the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson.

The Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson may approve, under delegated authority, the following:

- advertisements, letters or minor information sheet changes
- applications provisionally approved by the committee subject to final approval by the Chairperson, usually after review by nominated committee members.

The Chairperson may approve the matters listed below after review by a minimum of one health professional. A subcommittee of health professional and lay members may be involved and, where possible, such a subcommittee should include a Māori member. The membership of the subcommittee is recommended by the Chairperson, and members are contacted by the administrator by phone or email to confirm their availability. If any subcommittee member has a major concern and recommends the application or amendment be reviewed by the full committee, the application or amendment will be placed on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting, and the researcher will be advised. The matters that the Chairperson may approve following this process are:

- student applications, especially where there is a time constraint for the course and where there is minimal potential for harm to participants, for example, questionnaires or interviews
- applications where the consequences of delaying approval would be significant
- amendments that do not adversely affect participant safety
- confirmation of approval of ongoing applications after receipt of the researcher's annual report.

# **Appendix 1: Central Regional Ethics Committee Terms of Reference**

## **Public authority of the Central Regional Ethics Committee**

The Central Regional Ethics Committee (Central REC) was established as a Ministerial committee under section 11 of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000. These Terms of Reference outline the role and functions of the Central REC.

## **Authority of the Central Regional Ethics Committee**

The Central REC shall have responsibility for ethics committee review of health and disability research and innovative practice occurring in the following District Health Board regions:

- Taranaki
- Whanganui
- MidCentral
- Hawke's Bay
- Capital & Coast
- Wairarapa
- Hutt Valley.

The Central REC is responsible for any health and disability research that is currently being undertaken in the above District Health Board regions provided that such research has previously been given ethical approval by an approved regional ethics committee.

## **Relation to the Operational Standard for Health and Disability Ethics Committees**

These Terms of Reference have precedence over the Operational Standard for Health and Disability Ethics Committees (Operational Standard) on any point of conflict, but otherwise, the Operational Standard applies to the Central REC.

## **Relations with other public sector organisations**

The Central REC shall liaise with other relevant ethics committees on matters of common interest, such as jurisdiction over borderline cases. The Central REC shall inform the Ministry of Health and the National Ethics Advisory Committee of any matters that arise in its operation that potentially have policy significance.

## **Approval of the Central Regional Ethics Committee**

The Central REC has to be approved for the purposes outlined in the following enactments:

- The Injury Prevention, Rehabilitation, and Compensation Act 2001
- The Health Research Council Act 1990
- The Health Information Privacy Code 1994.

## **Role of the Central Regional Ethics Committee**

The primary role of the Central REC is to provide independent ethical review of health research and innovative practice that will be conducted in its region of authority to safeguard the rights, health and wellbeing of consumers and research participants and, in particular, those persons with diminished autonomy. In order to do this, the Central REC shall:

- i. foster an awareness of ethical principles and practices in the health and disability sector and research community
- ii. facilitate excellence in health research and innovative practice for the wellbeing of society
- iii. collaborate with researchers to ensure the interests, rights, dignity, welfare, health and wellbeing of participants and consumers are protected
- iv. give due consideration to community views
- v. consistent with section 4 of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000 and He Korowai Oranga, recognise and respect the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi
- vi. operate in accordance with the Operational Standard for Health and Disability Ethics Committees
- vii. operate in accordance with any guidance issued or approved by the Minister of Health.

## **Composition and membership**

### **Guiding principle**

The primary guiding principle for appointing members to the Central REC is to ensure that the Central REC has the appropriate expertise, skills, knowledge and perspectives to conduct ethical review of the best quality.

### **Member numbers**

The number of members of the Central REC should be 12.

## **Lay/non-lay membership**

One half of the total membership shall be lay members, including a lay Chairperson and a non-lay Deputy Chairperson. A layperson is a person who is not:

- currently, nor has recently been, a registered health practitioner (for example, a doctor, nurse, midwife, dentist, pharmacist)
- involved in conducting health or disability research or who is employed by a health agency and who is in a sector of that agency that undertakes health research
- construed by virtue of employment, profession or relationship to have a potential conflict or professional bias in a majority of protocols reviewed.

## **Member categories**

The Central REC's lay membership shall include:

- an ethicist
- a lawyer
- consumer perspectives
- community perspectives.

The Central REC's non-lay members shall include:

- two health researchers
- a pharmacist or pharmacologist
- a biostatistician
- two health practitioners.

## **Whole committee requirements**

At any time, consistent with the requirements of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act requirements for District Health Boards, the Central REC shall have at least two Māori members. Māori members should have a recognised awareness of te reo Māori and an understanding of tikanga Māori. All members of the Central REC are expected to have an understanding of how the health sector responds to Māori issues and their application to ethical review.

The Central REC's membership should include expertise in the main kinds of health and disability research (for example, interventional, observational, kaupapa Māori and social research) and in both quantitative and qualitative research methods.

Members should possess an attitude that is accepting of the values of other professions and community perspectives, and it is important for the committee to be comprised of people from a range of backgrounds and ethnicities.

Despite being drawn from groups identified with particular interests or responsibilities in connection with health and community issues, Central REC members are not in any way the representatives of those groups. They are appointed in their own right, to participate in the work of the Central REC as equal individuals of sound judgement, relevant experience and adequate training in ethical review.

## **Terms and conditions of appointment**

Members of the Central REC are appointed by the Minister of Health, pursuant to section 11 of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000, for a term of office of up to three years. The terms of office of members of the Central REC shall be staggered to ensure continuity of membership. Members may be reappointed from time to time. No member may hold office for more than six consecutive years. After serving the maximum six-year term, members shall not be considered for reappointment until at least three years after their retirement from the Central REC.

Persons who have served six consecutive years on any Health Research Council (HRC)-approved ethics committee shall not be immediately eligible for appointment to the Central REC. Those persons shall not be eligible for appointment to the Central REC until at least three years after their retirement from any HRC-approved ethics committee. Persons who have served less than six years on any HRC-approved committee will be eligible to be appointed to the Central REC for a term that is equal to the difference of six years and the term already served by that person on any HRC-approved ethics committee, or a shorter period.

A person may not be a member of the Central REC and National Ethics Advisory Committee or the Health Research Council Ethics Committee simultaneously.

Unless a person sooner vacates their office, every appointed member of the Central REC shall continue in office until their successor comes into office. Any member of the Central REC may at any time resign as a member by advising the Minister of Health in writing.

Any member of the Central REC may at any time be removed from office by the Minister of Health for inability to perform the functions of office, bankruptcy, neglect of duty or misconduct, proved to the satisfaction of the Minister.

The Minister may from time to time alter or reconstitute the Central REC or discharge any member of the Central REC or appoint new members to the Central REC for the purpose of decreasing or increasing the membership or filling any vacancies.

## **Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson**

The Minister shall appoint a member of the Central REC to be its Chairperson. The terms and conditions of appointment for members of the Central REC also apply to the person appointed as Chairperson. The Chairperson shall preside at every meeting of the Central REC at which they are present.

The Central REC shall appoint a non-lay member as Deputy Chairperson.

The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson may act with the delegated authority of the Central REC between meetings.

## **Duties and responsibilities of a member**

This section sets out the duties and responsibilities generally expected of a person appointed as a member of the Central REC. This is intended to aid Central REC members by providing them with a common set of principles for appropriate conduct and behaviour.

### **General**

Central REC members should have a commitment to protecting the interests of human participants while promoting and facilitating excellence in research and innovative practice.

There is an expectation that Central REC members will make every effort to attend all Central REC meetings and devote sufficient time to become familiar with the affairs of the Central REC and the wider environment within which it operates.

Members have a duty to act responsibly with regard to the effective and efficient administration of the Central REC and the use of Central REC funds.

### **Conflicts of interest**

Central REC members should perform their functions in good faith, honestly and impartially and avoid situations that might compromise their integrity or otherwise lead to conflicts of interest. Proper observation of these principles will protect the Central REC and its members and will ensure Central REC retains public confidence.

Central REC members attend meetings and undertake Central REC activities as independent persons responsible to the Central REC as a whole. Members are not appointed as representatives of professional organisations or particular community bodies. The Central REC should not, therefore, assume that a particular group's interests have been taken into account because a Central REC member is associated with this group. Members should declare, and the committee regularly review, their actual and potential conflicts of interest.

When Central REC members believe they have a conflict of interest on a subject that will prevent them from reaching an impartial decision or from undertaking an activity consistent with the Central REC's functions, they should declare that conflict of interest and withdraw themselves from the discussion and/or activity.

A member of the Central REC who has a proposal before the Central REC or who has an involvement in the proposal, such as a supervisory role, shall not take part in the Central REC's assessment of that proposal. The member may be present to answer questions about a proposal but should take no part in the discussion surrounding the consideration of the proposal or any decision relating to the proposal. This will allow proposals to be considered in a free and frank manner. The Central REC must exhibit transparency in avoiding or managing any real or perceived conflict of interest.

## **Confidentiality and information sharing**

Agendas and minutes of all Central REC meetings should be available to the public. Copies of proposals should be available to individuals outside the Central REC, subject to deletions in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 and any deletions necessary to protect the privacy of individual persons. If an applicant would like their proposal to remain confidential, they must give reasons, consistent with the Official Information Act 1982, to satisfy the Central REC that the proposal should remain confidential. The reasons for keeping a proposal confidential are subject to review by the Ombudsmen.

It is desirable for the members of the Central REC to have an opportunity to discuss issues arising from applications with key contacts and support people prior to the consideration of proposals. This process should be encouraged. However, due to the need to protect any personal information, names or identifying details should not be circulated or made known outside the Central REC. The Central REC will need to consider the Privacy Act 1993 and the Health Information Privacy Code 1994 in developing these processes.

Within the Central REC, members with particular community expertise should be consulted and provide advice on the appropriate consultative process for all ethical issues concerning particular communities of interest.

## **Committee meetings**

Meetings of the Central REC shall be held monthly or less frequently, as determined by the workload.

At any meeting, a quorum shall consist of at least seven members or the minimum number constituting a majority. The quorum must include a reasonable representation of members with health practitioner, research, ethical and community/consumer expertise, knowledge and perspectives.

As part of the accountability to the public they protect, it is desirable for the meetings of the Central REC to be open to the public. Meetings of the Central REC should therefore be:

- i. open meetings for the discussion of broad issues, particularly if the Central REC is reviewing health research
- ii. closed meetings when necessary to ensure the privacy and confidentiality of participants
- iii. closed meetings when applicants provide good and sufficient reasons for this to occur, and the minutes of the meeting should reflect these reasons.

Information about the dates and times of committee meetings should be made available to the public.

Applicants may attend meetings, in person or by teleconference, to talk to their proposal and answer any questions the Central REC may have. Attendance is not mandatory. The Central REC should advise applicants that they may be asked to leave the meeting while the Central REC considers the proposal.

Subject to the provisions set out in this document, the Central REC may regulate its own procedures.

## **Decision-making process**

Wherever possible, the Central REC should determine matters by consensus decision. Where a consensus cannot be reached, a vote shall apply, with a two-thirds majority of those voting required for any decisions, and the Chairperson having a casting vote.

In relation to research involving Māori, it is important that Māori expertise be available to ensure that all issues are appropriately considered. Where it is not possible for Māori members to attend a Central REC meeting or for those members' views to be sought and represented at the meeting, the matter should be deferred.

On occasion, individual members may wish to abstain from some or all of the decision making process because of strong personal moral or religious reasons. Such abstentions shall not affect the approval process.

## **Ethics committee actions**

For each application it reviews, the Central REC must state to its applicant whether its action is to Approve, Approve subject to conditions, Defer, or Decline that application. It must state its grounds for any action to Defer or Decline. For any action to Approve subject to conditions, it must specify the conditions, the grounds for these, and its process for assessing whether these conditions are subsequently met. In all cases, it must state which matters its action is based upon, and which are instead matters of comment, information or advice to its applicant.

## **Expert advice and consultation**

Members may wish to consult on ethical issues with, for example, individuals, groups, iwi and hapū, and this should be encouraged and supported. Consultation should be carried out in a timely manner.

Where the Chairperson or a quorum of Central REC members believes there is insufficient expertise on the Central REC to assess an application or an issue, the committee should seek additional expert advice.

Advice may be sought from recognised experts with:

- i. specialist knowledge in particular fields of science and medicine
- ii. knowledge of the experiences and perspectives of people with disabilities
- iii. awareness of gender health perspectives
- iv. consumer and/or research participant perspectives
- v. an understanding of community health issues
- vi. an understanding of relevant cultural perspectives
- vii. an understanding of developing Māori research methodologies
- viii. expertise in te reo Māori
- ix. expertise in ethical theory.

It should be noted that the above list gives examples, without restricting the range, of external expertise that may be sought.

Where external consultation has taken place or advice has been sought, this should be documented and recorded where appropriate in the Central REC's decision on a proposal.

## **Second opinions and appeals**

At any stage in its deliberations, the Central REC may seek a second opinion from the Health Research Council Ethics Committee, in accordance with the Operational Standard.

The decisions of the Central REC may be appealed to the Standing Committee on Appeals convened by the National Ethics Advisory Committee, in accordance with the Terms of Reference of the National Ethics Advisory Committee and any guidance promulgated by the Standing Committee on the appeals process.

## **Training for members**

Training should be provided for new members and chairpersons within six months of appointment to the Central REC.

## **Reporting requirements**

The following provides a checklist of requirements for annual reporting. Annual reports should be submitted to the Minister of Health and will be tabled by the Minister of Health in the House of Representatives.

The annual report shall include information on the membership of the Central REC, including any change in the Central REC's membership or other substantive changes the Central REC or its chairperson feels should be noted.

The annual report shall also include a list of the national and multi-region research and innovative treatment protocols reviewed in the preceding year, outlining the following details:

- i. the research title
- ii. principal investigator
- iii. institutions where the research is to be/has been undertaken
- iv. date of first review
- v. date of final outcome
- vi. outcome (which will be one of: approved, approved with conditions, deferred, declined)
- vii. for each protocol deferred or declined, the reason(s) for the decision.

The annual report shall also include:

- i. a list of training undertaken by Central REC members, and a statement on processes for orientation and training of new Central REC members should be included
- ii. a list of complaints received by the Central REC (if any), the actions taken to resolve the complaint and a comment on the outcome of the complaint(s)
- iii. any areas of review that caused difficulty for the Central REC in making a decision on any particular protocol(s), and any questions on policy or other matters the Central REC referred to the National Ethics Advisory Committee or the Health Research Council Ethics Committee for comment or guidance.

In compiling annual reports, the Central REC should take care not to provide information that would involve a breach of the Privacy Act 1993 and/or the Health Information Privacy Code 1994.

## **Fees and allowances**

Members of the Central REC are entitled to be paid fees for attendance at meetings. The level of attendance fees are set in accordance with the State Services Commission's framework for fees for statutory bodies.

The Chairperson shall receive an attendance fee of \$330 per day (plus half a day's preparation fee). The attendance fee for members is set at \$250 per day (plus half a day's preparation fee). The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson shall receive an allowance of up to one extra day each per month to cover additional work undertaken under the delegated authority of the Central REC by the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson. The Ministry of Health shall pay actual and reasonable travel and accommodation expenses of the Central REC members.

## **Servicing of the Central Regional Ethics Committee**

The Ministry of Health shall employ staff and provide resources to service, advise, and administer the Central REC out of the allocated budget for ethics committees.

## Appendix 2: Applications Received January to December 2007

Appendix 2 details the applications received by the committee January to December 2007.

Project key	Full title	Primary investigator	Date received	Meeting reviewed	Outcome	Why deferred/declined	Status at time of report	Date of approval	Locality organisations	Form	Sponsor/funder	Consultation undertaken
CEN/07/02/001	A novel community-based approach to the investigation and management of obstructive sleep apnoea.	Dr David Jones	26/01/07	13/02/07	Deferred	No information sheet, consent form, locality assessment or Form A provided	Approved	1/06/07	CCDHB	Nil	Department funds	Colleen Wineera, HE&R Services
CEN/07/02/002	To investigate what attitudes young people attending alternative education in Taranaki have towards their sexual and reproductive health, and to offer all sexually active participants contraception choices and a sexual health screen.	Ms Louise Roebuck	26/01/07	13/02/07	Declined	Study did not satisfy criteria for ethical review as per OSEC section 57	Declined		Western Institute of Technology	Nil	Family Planning Association	Piki Ti Ora Nursing Services
CEN/07/02/003	Up regulation of peroxiredoxin III in breast cancer cells in response to doxorubicin.	Dr Kathryn Stowell	26/01/07	13/02/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	22/03/07	Massey University	A	Institute of Molecular BioSciences, Massey University	Hope Tupara, Māori Studies, Massey University
CEN/07/02/004	A prospective, non-comparative multi centre study to evaluate the clinical performance of the De Puy Press Fit CondyIar (PFC®).	Mr Peter Devane	26/01/07	13/02/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	4/04/07	CCDHB, Wakefield Hospital	B	De Puy NZ	Colleen Wineera, HE&R Services
CEN/07/02/005	Evaluation of WellTrust – secondary school drug and alcohol support service.	Dr Sue Carswell	26/01/07	13/02/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	19/04/07	Ministry of Health	Nil	Ministry of Health	Māori Mental Health Team
CEN/07/02/006	Dialectical behaviour therapy: clinicians' perspectives.	Melanie Simons	26/01/07	21/02/07	Approved		Approved	21/02/07	MidCentral DHB	Nil	University funding allocation	Turoa Haronga; Kaumatua; Massey University School of Psychology
CEN/07/02/007	Flight nurses' perceptions of factors influencing clinical decision making in their practice environment.	Sally Houliston	26/01/07	13/02/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	1/03/07	Hawkes Bay DHB	Nil	HB Medical Research Foundation, Health Welfare Society, NZFNA Scholarship Fund	Rapai Pohe; Māori Health Unit; HBDBB; Ngati Kahungunu Iwi Inc
CEN/07/02/008	Registered nurses scope of practice in aged care.	Mrs Leigh White	26/01/07	13/02/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	16/03/07	Hawkes Bay DHB	Nil	Self-funded	Bayden Barber; Portfolio Manager

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CEN/07/02/009	An exploratory study into the use of cognitive behaviour therapy by community mental health nurses – what is the New Zealand experience?	Jenny Nichols	26/01/07	13/02/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	14/03/07	Capital & Coast DHB, Eastern Institute of Technology, Taranaki Base Hospital, MidCentral DHB, Wairarapa DHB, Hutt Valley DHB, Hawkes Bay DHB, Whanganui DHB	Nil	Self-funded	Dianne Wepa; Kawa Whakaruruhau; EIT
CEN/07/02/010	Detection of child abuse in emergency department.	Christine Edwards	26/01/07	13/02/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	29/03/07	Hawkes Bay DHB	Nil	Application to HB Medical Research Foundation	Te Wahanga Hauora Māori Corp Services; HBDHB
CEN/07/02/011	Evaluation of the reliability with which foetal heartbeat can be detected in a totally passive way using contact microphones and advanced signal processing techniques.	Dr Eberhard Deuss	26/01/07	13/02/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	9/03/07	Industrial Research Ltd	Nil	Foundation for Research Science and Technology	Prof Piri Sciascia; VUW
CEN/07/03/012	Qualitative description of the adult oncology patient's experience of cancer-related cachexia (CRC): a pilot study.	Ms Marika Stubbs	23/02/07	13/03/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	16/05/07	Whanganui District Health Board, MidCentral DHB	A	Scholarship will be sought	Te Rau Māori specialist at Te Wananga o Aotearoa
CEN/07/03/013	The early detection of prostate cancer in general practice: an investigation of the value of an educational workshop for general practitioners to support patient care.	Dr Quentin King	20/02/07	13/03/07	Ethical approval not required		Ethical approval not required		MidCentral DHB	Nil	Palmerston North Medical Research Foundation	Oriana Paewae; Māori Health Unit; MidCentral Health; kaumatua of hospital; Te Roopu Mangai Kaumatua; John Waldon; Te Putahi-a-Toi Research Office
CEN/07/03/014	Mapping the fertile period in women using daily urine samples.	Dr Delwyn Cooke	23/02/07	13/03/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	4/04/07	Manawatu Biotech Investments Ltd	A	Manawatu Biotech Investments Ltd	Te Puawai Tapu; Best Care Whakapai Hauora
CEN/07/03/015	Health, cultural and social experiences of Māori affected by chemical-related illness.	Dr Cherry Smith	20/02/07	13/03/07	Deferred	Methodology not adequate OSEC 2.4, 57	Approved	8/05/07	Te Atawhai O te Ao: Independent Māori Institute for Environment and Health	Nil	Health Research Council	Māori Health Committee; HRC
CEN/07/03/016	Mechanism and function of high frequency vagal modulation of heart rate.	Mr Peter Sin	23/02/07	13/03/07	Deferred	Details of methodology inadequate OSEC 2.4, 57)	Approved	1/06/07	Wellington School of Medicine & Health Sciences	A	No special funds required	University of Otago Māori Research Group
CEN/07/03/017	Investigation of the feasibility of using microbial fingerprints for identification of vaginal fluid for forensic purposes.	Ms Catriona Macdonald	23/02/07	13/03/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	12/04/07	Family Planning Association (FPA)	A	NZ Police	Maui Hudson; Māori Development Manager; ESR

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CEN/07/03/018	A multicentre, multinational study to assess the safety and efficacy of Anitthrombin Alfa in hereditary antithrombin (AT) deficient patients in high-risk situations for thrombosis.	Dr Julia Phillips	23/02/07	13/03/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	24/08/07	CCDHB	B	GTC Biotherapeutics Inc	Colleen Wineera; HE&R Services
CEN/07/03/019	Mental health in general care settings: an exploratory study into factors that influence nurses in meeting needs.	Ms Justine Pack	23/02/07	13/03/07	Ethical approval not required		Ethical approval not required		Hawkes Bay DHB	Nil	Self-funded	Rapai Pohe; HBDHB Maori Health Unit
CEN/07/04/020	Characterisation of plaque development in Māori, Pacific and NZ European children with high caries and without caries by analysing the microbiota of plaque microcosm biofilms grown in a laboratory-based artificial mouth plaque culture system from saliva obtained from these children.	Dr Christopher Sissons	9/03/07	4/10/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved subject to conditions		Wellington School of Medicine and Health Sciences	Nil	Application to HRC	Fiona Cram; Te Ropu Rangahau Hauori a Eru Pomare
CEN/07/04/021	Proximal tibial bone density following unicompartmental knee arthroplasty.	Mr Simon Hadlow	6/03/07	4/10/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	25/05/07	Taranaki Base Hospital	A	Taranaki Medical Foundation	Greg White; Chairman; Te Whare Punanga Korero
CEN/07/04/022	An observational cohort study of toxicity in female patients treated for early breast cancer with Adriamycin and Cyclophosphamide chemotherapy.	Anne O'Donnell	23/03/07	4/10/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	15/06/07	Capital & Coast DHB	A	Cancer Society Wellington	Colleen Wineera; HE&R Services Ltd
CEN/07/04/023	To identify factors that influence a midwife's decision to screen for chlamydia during pregnancy.	Katarina Jean Te Hulia	23/03/07	4/10/07	Ethical approval not required (OSEC 4.0)		Ethical approval not required		Hawkes Bay DHB	Nil	Researcher's own funds	Kerry Nuku; Sexual Health Co-ordinator; HBDHB
CEN/07/04/024	A pilot study for a national environmental intervention in childhood asthma.	Prof Julian Crane	23/03/07	4/10/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	16/05/07	Wellington School of Medicine and Health Sciences	A	Health Research Council	Chris Cunningham and Cheryl Davies; School of Māori Studies; Massey University
CEN/07/04/025	Is a mite-allergic individual more or less allergic to their own bed house dust when compared to a mite solution containing equivalent quantities of mite allergen? Do the other constituents of house dust aggravate or mitigate its allergenicity? A pilot study.	Dr Thorsten Stanley	26/03/07	4/10/07	Deferred	No information sheet and consent form submitted	Approved	17/10/07	Wellington School of Medicine & Health Sciences	A	Wellington Medical Research Foundation Grant	Tu Kotahi Māori Asthma Trust

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CEN/07/04/026	Prevalence of Acrobacter species in human faecal samples.	Owen Mandisodza	27/03/07	4/10/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	17/05/07	Hawkes Bay DHB	Nil	Grant from Hawkes Bay Medical Research Council Inc, Institute of Veterinary Animal and Biomedical Sciences postgraduate study fund	Rapaj Pohe; Te Wahanga Hauora Māori; Hawkes Bay DHB
CEN/07/04/027	A pilot study to evaluate anticoagulant control in patients monitoring their own warfarin therapy using near patient testing and internet based decision support software.	Dr Paul Harper	28/03/07	4/10/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	7/09/07	MidCentral DHB	A	Patient testing devices provided free during study	Oriana Paewai; Te Whare Rapuora; MidCentral Health
CEN/07/05/028	Does the time of day affect the outcome of the Dix-Hallpike manoeuvre, when testing for Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo (BPPV).	Mrs Anne Burston	3/04/07	5/08/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	30/05/07	Capital & Coast DHB	A	Wellington Medical Research Foundation, Neurology Department Research Fund C&CDHB	Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee
CEN/07/05/029	An investigation into the health benefits of mindfulness-based stress reduction (MBSR) for people living with a specific range of chronic illnesses.	Mrs Jillian Simpson	17/04/07	5/08/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	4/07/07	Hawkes Bay DHB	A	Hawkes Bay Medical Research Foundation	Rapaj Pohe; Māori Health Unit; HBDHB
CEN/07/05/030	Morality of caring: a qualitative descriptive study of ethical decision making by new graduate nurses working in mental health.	Mrs Katheryn Butters	18/04/07	5/08/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	11/07/07	Whanganui District Health Board, MidCentral DHB	A	Massey University Graduate Research Fund	Sharlene Tapa Mosen Te Oranganui Iwi Health Authority
CEN/07/05/031	Flow cytometric analysis of induced sputum in asthma.	Dr Christine Van Dalen	19/04/07	5/08/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved subject to conditions		Massey University	Nil	Wellington Medical Research Foundation	Prof Chris Cunningham; Research Centre for Māori Health & Development; Massey University
CEN/07/05/032	The effects of pseudoephedrine ingestion on endurance cycling performance.	Mr Scott Betteridge	19/04/07	5/08/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	14/06/07	Massey University	A	Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health (Massey)	No consultation required
CEN/07/05/033	An exploration of the ways nurses cope with their paediatric patient's deaths.	Ms Joanne Mackenzie	20/04/07	5/08/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	1/06/07	Massey University	Nil	Massey University	Colleen Wiheera, HE&R Service Ltd
CEN/07/05/034	A multiple cardiac biomarker approach to diagnosis and risk stratification of patients presenting with signs of myocardial infarction; simultaneous measurement of Troponin-1, BNP, Hs-CRP, and cholesterol.	Mrs Edwina Mandisodza	23/04/07	5/08/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	12/07/07	Hawkes Bay Hospital	A	Institute of Veterinary Animal and Biomedical Sciences Research Fund	Māori Health Unit – Hawkes Bay DHB

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CEN/07/06/035	Assessment of 5-fluorouracil activity in combination with anaesthetics using cultured Tenons fibroblasts.	Dr Anthony Wells	4/05/07	6/12/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	6/07/07	Capital & Coast DHB	A	Capital Vision Research Trust	Bridget Robson; Eru Pomare Research Centre; Mark Brunton; Māori Research Committee; University of Otago
CEN/07/06/036	Igniting the diabetes self-management pilot light: understanding influences on health activation.	Helen Snell	22/05/07	6/12/07	Deferred	Aims of the study were unclear (OSEC 2.4, 57)	Approved subject to conditions	10/10/07	MidCentral DHB	Nil	Research grant plus College of Nurses Aotearoa and NZ Society for the Study of Diabetes	Te Whare Rapauro; MidCentral DHB; Oloimoa Wells; Nurse Educator; MidCentral DHB; MidCentral Nursing Practice Development Team's Kaiwhakarite
CEN/07/06/037	Comparison of techniques of surgical treatment for Weber C ankle fractures: percutaneous versus open reduction.	Dr Hamish Love	22/05/07	6/12/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	19/07/07	Hutt Valley DHB, Capital and Coast DHB	A	Grant from The Wishbone Trust	Dr Rachelle Love; Nga Puhū; Te Arawa
CEN/07/06/038	Agranulocyte pharmacoproteomics of nicotine replacement therapy, a pilot study.	Dr Clifford Young	23/05/07	6/12/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	29/08/07	ESR	A	MoRST capability funding	John Miller; YUW
CEN/07/06/039	Skin and wound management in the homes of Pacific children hospitalised with skin infection.	Elaine Ete-Rasch	25/05/07	6/12/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	16/08/07	Hutt Valley DHB	Nil	Pacific Health scholarship grant, Ministry of Health	
CEN/07/06/040	Assessing the prevalence of home injury hazards, the relationship.	Dr Michael Keall	25/05/07	6/12/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	27/07/07	Better Homes Taranaki	Nil	ACC and Department of Building and Housing	Steve Wharehoka
CEN/07/06/041	Nurses' perceptions of the relationship between professional accountability.	Armeda Credland	28/05/07	6/12/07	Ethical approval not required	Ethical Guidelines for Observational Studies 11.10	Ethical approval not required		Hawkes Bay DHB	Nil	Self-funded	Te Wahanga Māori Corporate Services
CEN/07/06/042	Side of onset and cognitive functioning in tremor dominant Parkinson's disease.	Kiri Luther	28/05/07	6/12/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	27/06/07	Capital & Coast DHB	Nil	School of Psychology, Massey University	Papa Turoa Haronga; Kaumatua; Massey University School of Psychology
CEN/07/06/043	A prospective case series assessing the treatment of refractory diabetic macular oedema with intravitreal bevacizumab (Avastin).	Dr Keith Maslin	28/05/07	6/12/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	4/07/07	Capital & Coast DHB	A	Wellington Hospital	Director of Māori Health Development at Capital and Coast DHB
CEN/07/07/044	A single-group intervention trial of the effect of high flow oxygen on clinical angina in patients with coronary disease.	Dr Kyle Perrin	20/06/07	7/10/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	17/10/07	Capital & Coast DHB	A		Colleen Wineera; HE&R Services Ltd

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CEN/07/07/045	Exploring processing and reflection methods and how they can be utilised in music therapy sessions at an adolescent acute psychiatric ward.	Melissa Garber	21/06/07	7/10/07	Ethical approval not required	Ethical Guidelines for Observational Studies 11.10	Ethical approval not required		Capital & Coast DHB	A	Investigator's own funds	Local kaumatua
CEN/07/07/046	Paediatric surgery and anaesthesia in the district general hospital: a qualitative review of Taranaki parent's views.	Dr Ben Shelley	21/06/07	7/10/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	8/08/07	Taranaki Base Hospital	Nil		Te Whare Punanga Korero Trust Inc
CEN/07/07/047	Access to health services for Māori with diabetes and respiratory disease.	Dr Manuhua Barcham	22/06/07	7/10/07	Deferred	Methodology inadequate to answer research question (OSEC 2.4.57)	Withdrawn		Vogel Street Medical Centre, Best Care (Whakapai Hauora) Charitable Trust	Nil	CIGD, Massey University	Professor Mason Durie; Massey University
CEN/07/07/048	Pukapuka Hauora: Māori parents' experiences managing a child with asthma.	Bernadette Jones	22/06/07	7/10/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	25/07/07	Tu Kotahi Asthma Trust	Nil	Project Grant, HRC	Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee; Bridget Robson; Eru Pomare Centre; Chris Cunningham; Massey University
CEN/07/07/049	Modern mothering: the myths, the mayhem and the magic.	Anita Darrah	22/06/07	7/10/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved subject to conditions	10/10/07	Massey University	Nil	University funding allocation	Lisa Cherrington (Ngati Hine); Turoa Haronga; Kaumatua; Massey University Psychology Department
CEN/07/07/050	Exploration of nurses' experiences of using a pre-admission pack for people with intellectual disabilities in the Day of Surgery Department of Palmerston North Hospital.	Dina Cole	22/06/07	7/10/07	Ethical approval not required	Audit (Ethical Guidelines for Observational Studies, 2.4)	Ethical approval not required		MidCentral DHB	Nil	Self-funded	None undertaken (no department nurses identify as Māori)
CEN/07/07/051	An observational study investigating the objective and subjective impact of a structured gynaecology service for women who have undergone allogeneic haematopoietic stem cell transplant.	Catherine Wood	22/06/07	7/10/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	16/08/07	Capital & Coast DHB	Nil	Application for grant from Genesis Oncology Trust	Colleen Wineera; HE&R Services
CEN/07/07/052	A phase 3, multicentre, randomised, placebo-controlled, double-blind trial of AMG 706 in combination with Paclitaxel and Carboplatin for advanced non-small cell lung cancer.	Dr Andrew Simpson	22/06/07	7/10/07	Deferred	Application form not adequately completed	Approved	24/09/07	Capital & Coast DHB, MidCentral DHB	B	Amgen Inc	Wellington – Colleen Wineera; HE&R Services; Palmerston North – DHB Māori consultation committee

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CEN/07/07/053	Finding balance in the parent-child relationship when dealing with young children.	Clare Mary Couch	22/06/07	7/10/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	29/08/07	Massey University	Nil	School of Psychology research funding	Simon Bennett, Māori Senior Clinical Psychologist, Massey University; Turoa Haronga, Kaumatua, School of Psychology, Massey University
CEN/07/08/054	The SPIRIT study: South Pacific Islanders resist diabetes with intense resistance training: a randomised controlled trial.	William Sukala	20/07/07	14/08/07	Approved	Received response sent to Chair 09 October 2007	Approved subject to conditions	16/10/07	Capital & Coast DHB, City Fitness	A	MU Research Fund, IFNHH staff development fund and PG Research Fund, additional funding being sought from HRC	Kitiona Tauria: National Heart Foundation PI Community Services Liaison
CEN/07/08/055	AutoCPAP: its effectiveness in severe obstructive sleep apnoea.	Dr Alister Neill	20/07/07	14/08/07	Approved		Approved	14/09/07	Capital & Coast DHB, Wellsleep	A	Asthma and Respiratory Foundation Grant	University of Otago Māori Research Committee
CEN/07/08/056	The prevalence of hypomineralised molar teeth in Waiuionomata children.	Erin Mahoney	20/07/07	14/08/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	11/10/07	Hutt Valley DHB	A	HRC	Dr Fiona Cram, Te Ropou Rangahau Hauora a Eru Pomare; Mark Brunton, University of Otago Research Consultation Committee
CEN/07/08/057	Patient satisfaction with nursing in the emergency department (ED) of a regional New Zealand hospital – a descriptive, correlational study.	Clare Buckley	20/07/07	14/08/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved subject to conditions		Hawkes Bay DHB	Nil	CTA funding, HB MRF, FHSS at VUW	Director of Māori Health; HBDHB; Kaitakawaenga for ED
CEN/07/08/058	A case study of the use of a patient held record for home based palliative care.	Denise White	24/07/07	14/08/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved subject to conditions	5/09/07	MidCentral DHB, Arohanui Hospice	Nil	MidCentral DHB, Massey University Graduate Research Fund	Arohanui Hospital, MidCentral Health Māori Health Unit
CEN/07/08/059	Sleep during pregnancy and postpartum: the relationship with maternal health: a feasibility study to develop measures and methods for investigating the relationship between sleep in late pregnancy and birth outcomes, and sleep early in the postpartum period and changes in postpartum mood.	Dr Leigh Signal	24/07/07	14/08/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	9/11/07	Capital & Coast DHB, Domino Midwives, Wellington South Parents Centre, Mana Parents Centre	Nil	HRC	Chris Cunningham, Research Centre for Māori Health & Development
CEN/07/08/060	Lakeview community child health needs: an exploratory study of a community's perceptions in relation to what and how health services can best address the health care needs of their children.	Helen Pocknall	26/07/07	14/08/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	12/11/07	Lakeview School	Nil	Massey University Graduate Research Fund	Māori Health Team, Wairarapa District Health Board

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CEN/07/08/061	Mind your story: an investigation into internalised stigma among young people with first episode psychosis, and the evaluation of a new psychotherapeutic tool to reduce it.	Dr Hiran Thabrew	26/07/07	14/08/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	25/01/08	Early Intervention Service	Nil	Applications to HRC and RACPsych	Janine Olasa, Kaumanaki at EIS
CEN/07/08/062	A study to investigate the effect of an ergonomic seat on lower limb venous blood flow.	Prof Richard Beasley	27/07/07	14/08/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	26/09/07	Pacific Radiology	B	ErgoCentric Seating Systems	Colleen Wineera, HE&R Services
CEN/07/09/063	Improving care for people with chronic illness.	Prof Jenny Camyer	24/08/07	11/09/07			Approved	17/10/07	MidCentral DHB	Nil	MidCentral DHB	Robyn Fitzgerald, Tui Handcock, members of study advisory committee
CEN/07/09/064	The effect of low frequency vibration (30-45 Hz) on the healing of tibial fractures.	Dr Amarjeet Singh	8/08/07	11/09/07	Deferred	Validity of research, minimisation of harm	Approved	9/11/07	Palmerston North Hospital	A	Wishbone Trust and NZ Orthopaedic Association, ACC, PN Hospital Medical Research Fund	Safety Facilitator of Te Whare Rauora
CEN/07/09/065	Wellington Respiratory Health Survey (Phase 3): a follow-up study to identify features of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) which predict disease progression particularly according to phenotype.	Prof Richard Beasley	27/08/07	11/09/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	16/10/07	Medical Research Institute of New Zealand	Nil	Glaxo SmithKline	Colleen Wineera, HE&R Services
CEN/07/09/066	Validation of an enthesitis index in psoriatic arthritis.	Dr Paul Healy	28/08/07	11/09/07	Approved		Approved subject to conditions	16/10/07	Hutt Valley DHB	A	Group for assessment and research in psoriasis, research grant	Māori Health Unit, HVDHB
CEN/07/10/067	A randomised, double-blind, double-dummy, placebo-controlled, three-period, incomplete block, crossover study, to investigate the effect of 14 days repeat inhaled dosing with GSK256066 in mild/moderate asthmatic patients. Study no. IPA107948.	Dr Dean Quinn	14/09/07	13/11/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	9/11/07	P3 Research Wellington	B	GlaxoSmith Kline	HE&R Services Ltd
CEN/07/10/068	A study to investigate the effects of hyperoxia on carbon dioxide levels and ventilation in patients with obesity hypoventilation syndrome.	Prof Richard Beasley	21/09/07	13/11/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	18/12/07	Medical Research Institute of New Zealand	A		
CEN/07/10/069	Noise generation in ceramic on ceramic articulated total hip joint replacements.	Dr Jonathon L Richards	21/09/07	13/11/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	13/11/07	Hawke's Bay Hospital	A		
CEN/07/10/070	An exploration of women's experiences of the journey to homebirth.	Ms Kass Ozturk	21/09/07	13/11/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	28/11/07	Victoria University of Wellington	A		

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CEN/07/10/071	Early vascular disease in children with epilepsy receiving anticonvulsants.	Dr Esko Wilshire	21/09/07	13/11/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	28/11/07	Capital & Coast DHB	A		Mark Brunton, Kaitakawaenga Rangahau Māori
CEN/07/10/072	A multicentre randomised trial of standard or higher targets for transfusion during chemo-radiation for cervix cancer.	Dr Carol Johnson	21/09/07	13/11/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	22/01/08	Wellington Blood and Cancer Centre	A	HRC	Colleen Wineera. HE&R Services Ltd
CEN/07/10/073	"Effective treatment of hypoglycaemia in children" with type 1 diabetes mellitus: a randomised paediatric hypoglycaemia treatment trial [testing four different commonly used hypoglycaemia treatments to rate efficacy and speed at relieving symptoms in children aged 8–12 years with type 1 diabetes].	Lindsay McTavish	21/09/07	13/11/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	16/11/07	Capital & Coast DHB	A	New Zealand Society for the Study of Diabetes / Eli Lilly Nursing Research Grant	
CEN/07/11/075	The curious potential of hypomineralised first permanent molars.	Erin Mahoney	25/10/07	13/11/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	24/01/08	Hutt Valley DHB, CCDHB	A		
CEN/07/11/076	Nurses' therapeutic communication responses to the emotional needs of patients: a co-operative inquiry.	Ms Ruth Marion Crawford	9/10/07	13/11/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved subject to conditions			A		
CEN/07/11/077	Effect of protein recovery formulation on subsequent performance and physiological outcomes during one week of high-intensity cycling.	Mr David Rowlands	26/10/07	13/11/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved subject to conditions			B	Nestec Switzerland	
CEN/07/11/078	Higher intensity interval training for individuals with cardiovascular disease.	Mr Jacques Rousseau	26/10/07	13/11/07	Deferred	Incomplete application	Approved	17/12/07		A		
CEN/07/11/079	Helping New Zealand's youth to quit smoking: supporting quit attempts at school.	Ms Sharon Ponniah	29/10/07	13/11/07	Deferred	Validity of research, minimisation of harm	Approved subject to conditions			A		
CEN/07/11/080	Responsiveness of the RT3 accelerometer to measure change in physical activity in people with low back pain and an exploration of perceived activity limitations.	Ms Meredith Perry	29/10/07	13/11/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	17/12/07	Wellington Hospital, The Back Institute, Lower Hutt School of Physiotherapy Centre, Silverstream Physiotherapy Clinic, Action Physiotherapy Ltd, Hutt Physiotherapy Centre, Willis Street Physiotherapy Ltd	A		Ngai Tahu Research consultation committee, Maori Partnership Board

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CEN/07/12/081	An exploration of the relationship between executive functioning, including theory of mind, and a social story intervention in a sample of children referred to a service assessing developmental delay.	Dr Pam Carlton	21/11/07	11/12/07	Deferred	Validity of research	Deferred		MidCentral DHB	A	MidCentral Health providing funding for this study	MidCentral Health Kaumatua Committee
CEN/07/12/082	Mothers in New Zealand: beliefs and attitudes towards child discipline and violence.	Mrs Patricia Thompson	22/11/07	11/12/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved subject to conditions		Te Aroha Noa Community Services, Plunket Playgroup, Community Women's Group	A		
CEN/07/12/083	The short-term effectiveness of the addition of autologous blood injections to standard conservative management of patients presenting with Achilles tendinopathy: a randomised control trial.	Dr Jake Pearson	22/11/07	11/12/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved subject to conditions		Wakefield Sports Medicine	A	Wakefield Sports, ACC, Pacific Radiology	
CEN/07/12/084	How do people with multiple sclerosis perceive the influence of exercise participation on fatigue?	Catherine Smith	22/11/07	11/12/07	Approved		Approved	15/02/08	School of Physiotherapy	A		Kaitiawaenga Rangahau Māori, RAG-M
CEN/07/12/085	Optimising both inter-repetition recovery and the subsequent quality of interval training among distance runners: comparison of perceptual recovery techniques with standardised temporal and heart rate methods.	Dr Andrew Edwards	23/11/07	11/12/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	15/02/08	UCOL	A	UCOL	
CEN/07/12/086	Phase I trial of dendritic cell vaccination and temozolomide for recurrent glioblastoma multiforme. Phase 1 GBM DCV TMZ Study Final Version 1, dated 26 November 2007.	Dr David Hamilton	26/11/07	11/12/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved subject to conditions		Wellington Blood and Cancer Centre, Malagan Institute of Medical Research	A	Cancer Society Grant	
CEN/07/12/087	A randomised, double-blind, parallel-group, placebo-controlled study investigating the efficacy and tolerability of adjuvant nebulised magnesium therapy in conjunction with standard emergency department treatment of acute severe exacerbations of COPD.	Prof Richard Beasley	26/11/07	11/12/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	15/02/08	Accident and Emergency Department Wellington, Accident & Medical Clinic Kenepuru Hospital	A		Colleen Wineera

## Applications considered under expedited review

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CEN/07/01/CPD	Retrospective case controlled study into predicting lower extremity amputation in people in Hawke's Bay with diabetes based on clinical risk parameters.	Ms Pip Rutherford	31/01/07				Completed	21/02/07	Hawkes Bay DHB	Nil		Not required
CEN/07/01/EXP	Assessment of impaired glucose tolerance in patients with acute coronary syndrome and stroke – does a glucose tolerance test done pre discharge improve diagnosis and reduce number of missed diagnoses?	Dr Ian Ternouth	12/01/07				Approved	26/01/07		A		
CEN/07/01/EXP	The biographer's experience in the palliative care setting.	Vivienne Pender	18/04/07				Approved	26/04/07		Nil		Not required
CEN/07/02/EXP	The epidemiology of cryptosporidiosis and giardiasis in New Zealand with a particular focus on assessing cryptosporidium transmission from farm animals to humans.	Ms Saskia Snel	8/02/07				Approved	28/02/07	Wellington School of Medicine & Health Sciences	Nil		Not required
CEN/07/03/EXP	What do emergency department patients think about generic analgesics?	Dr Marc Gutenstein	13/02/07				Approved	9/03/07	Capital & Coast DHB	Nil	Expedited review	Anonymous questionnaire approved under expedited review
CEN/07/05/EXP	The incidence of non-melanoma skin cancer in New Zealand.	Nicholas Brougham	22/03/07	4/10/07	Approved subject to conditions	Expedited review application reviewed by full committee	Approved	11/05/07	Hutt Valley DHB	Nil	Expedited review	Not required
CEN/07/06/EXP	Health promoting schools – an evaluation of the Hawke's Bay model.	Dr Kate Robertshaw	19/03/07				Completed	29/03/07	Hawkes Bay DHB	Nil	Expedited review	Rapai Pohe, Māori Health Unit, HBDHB
CEN/07/07/EXP	Evaluation of Healthy Eating Healthy Action Maraeui project outcomes in Hawkes Bay.	Prof Bob Marshall	26/03/07				Approved	4/04/07		Nil		Maraeui Māori
CEN/07/08/EXP	Active Hawke's Bay: Healthy Hawke's Bay Project.	Prof Bob Marshall	26/03/07				Approved	4/04/07		Nil		Consultation with local Māori
CEN/07/09/EXP	Role of nurses in school clinics.	Marilyn Rose Chittenden	12/04/07				Completed	26/04/07		Nil		Not required for this study
CEN/07/10/EXP	An audit/survey of the role and value of specialist palliative care doctor home visits within the framework of the Arohanui Hospice – general practice palliative care partnership with a view to establishing a home visit policy.	Dr Michael Heywood Harris	18/04/07				Completed	26/04/07		Nil		MidCentral DHB Māori Health Unit

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CEN/07/11/EXP	The biographer's experience in the palliative care setting.	Mrs Vivienne Pender	18/04/07				Approved	26/04/07	Mary Potter Hospice	Nil		Not required
CEN/07/12/EXP	The piloting of four newly developed clinical learning environment evaluation tools (CLEETs).	Ms Emma Hickson	20/04/07				Approved	16/05/07	Capital & Coast DHB	Nil		Not required
CEN/07/13/EXP	Comparison of radial and femoral approaches for coronary angiography and percutaneous intervention.	Jonele Woodhead	20/04/07				Approved	16/05/07		Nil		Not required
CEN/07/14/EXP	A clinical audit of the current causes for uncomplicated episodes of cystitis in the Manawatu to verify the reporting methodology proposed by Mangins et al and to establish the most cost effective treatment for an individual and the community of uncomplicated community acquired episodes of cystitis.	Dr Greig Russell	2/05/07				Approved	17/05/07		Nil	MidCentral DHB/City Doctors	Shane Todd-Ruwuhi, Māori Cultural Advisor at Compass Health
CEN/07/15/EXP	Retraining mobility following spinal cord infarction: a case report.	Lesley McGregor	9/05/07				Approved	31/05/07	Hutt Valley DHB	Nil		Not required
CEN/07/16/EXP	The management of metastatic colorectal cancer: what have we achieved in the last decade?	Dr John P Keating	9/05/07				Approved	24/05/07		Nil		Not required
CEN/07/17/EXP	Audit of day-case percutaneous coronary intervention at Wellington Hospital.	Dr Scott Harding	9/05/07				Approved	24/05/07	Capital & Coast DHB	Nil		Not required
CEN/07/18/EXP	Feeding clinic for children with gastrostomies (mickey buttons).	Marion Bartlett	18/05/07				Approved	7/06/07	Hawkes Bay DHB	Nil		Not required
CEN/07/19/EXP	The association between conditions of work as measured by the Safe Patient Handling Survey™ and patient handling injury for nurses and patients.	Heidi Borner	24/05/07				Approved	7/06/07	Victoria University of Wellington	Nil		Not required
CEN/07/20/EXP	Representations to the emergency department with intentional self-harm.	Silke Kuehl	29/05/07				Approved	7/06/07	Victoria University of Wellington	Nil	Retrospective review of records	Dr Nicole Coupe, Māori Health Advisor
CEN/07/21/EXP	Outcomes audit – risperdal consta.	Rachel Eveleigh	14/06/07				Approved	4/07/07		Nil	Janssen-Cilag	Not required
CEN/07/22/EXP	Understanding diabetes control: barriers and facilitators to better glycaemic control in people with type 2 diabetes on insulin.	Dr Ron Janes	9/07/07				Approved	12/07/07		Nil		Dr Rose Lambert, Rangitī Pere, Commissioner Māori Education
CEN/07/23/EXP	Foxton and Shannon health initiative.	Dr Giles Bates	26/07/07				Approved	3/08/07		Nil		Kerekere Community Network; Te Runanga o Raukawa

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CEN/07/24/EXP	The cultural, age and injury demographics of clients using the Back Institute (TBI) at each of their Wellington clinics and how did the clients find out about TBI services.	Alec Beresford	27/07/07				Completed	3/08/07		Nil		Kaitiaki Tae Ora Tinana
CEN/07/25/EXP	Professional perceptions of the social work role in health sector.	Alec Beresford	19/09/07				Approved	7/09/07		A		
CEN/07/27/EXP	An evaluation of the MidCentral District Health Board mobile primary health care nursing service (Fielding, Horowhenua, and Tararua).	Ms Eileen Mckinlay	11/09/07				Approved	26/05/08		A		
CEN/07/28/EXP	Processes of care in acute stroke at Hutt Hospital – a retrospective audit.	Dr Ritva Vyas	11/09/07				Approved	26/09/07		A		
CEN/07/29/EXP	Audit of the Kapiti pre-hospital thrombolysis programme at Wellington Hospital.	Dr Ritva Vyas	13/09/07				Approved	26/09/07		A		
CEN/07/30/EXP	Management of balance impairment, guided by the balance evaluation – systems test, in a patient following cerebellar infarct: a case report.	Lesley McGregor	17/09/07				Completed	26/09/07		A		
CEN/07/31/EXP	Music therapy intervention in occupational therapy.	Miss Soo Young Lee	20/09/07				Approved	10/10/07		A		
CEN/07/32/EXP	Understanding children with special needs through the musical offerings that emerge in the music therapy process.	Mr Shane Cammell	20/09/07				Approved	21/09/07		A		
CEN/07/33/EXP	Autism survey.	Dr Kate Robertshaw	26/09/07				Approved	16/10/07	Hawkes Bay Hospital	Nil		
CEN/07/34/EXP	What do GPs know about the new medicine use reviews?	Ms Isadora Ekawati	2/10/07				Approved	16/10/07		A		
CEN/07/35/EXP	A narrative research: appreciating the stress of emergency nurses.	Ms Janet Graham	16/10/07				Approved	15/10/07		A		
CEN/07/36/EXP	The effect of the presence of IV contrast on planning CT scans for radical radiation therapy to the lung.	Ms Janet Graham	16/10/07				Approved	19/11/07		A		
CEN/07/37/EXP	Primary care counselling and its influence on members of the general practice team in the screening and management of mild to moderate mental health problems.	Mrs Barbara Charuk	23/10/07				Completed	12/11/07		A		

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CEN/07/38/EXP	Evaluation of the reducing serious skin infections project.	Mrs Barbara Charuk	15/10/07				Approved	15/11/07		Nil	Regional Public Health	
CEN/07/39/EXP	An assessment of the potential human health effects of legionellosis and other bioaerosols from composting in New Zealand.	Ms Francis Graham	31/10/07				Approved	9/11/07		A		
CEN/07/40/EXP	Evaluation of a rehabilitation service for conservative management of patients with leg ulcers.	Dr Sarah Dean	31/10/07				Approved	9/11/07		A		
CEN/07/41/EXP	Is filming family conferences in ICU appropriate? An assessment of family opinions.	Dr Matthew Bailey	13/11/07				Approved	28/11/07		A		
CEN/07/42/EXP	An investigation of the prevalence of non motor symptoms in individuals with Parkinson's disease in New Zealand – a pilot study in Hawke's Bay District.	Dr Clare Sixsmith	19/11/07				Approved	27/11/07		A		
CEN/07/43/EXP	Exploring changing prescription charges – a survey of pharmacists and patients.	Miss Emily-Jane Willmot	21/11/07				Completed	17/12/07		Nil		
CEN/07/44/EXP	Pilot the use of an injury surveillance survey tool to measure the incidence of alcohol related injury presentations to Hastings emergency department.	Ms Lisa Jones	23/11/07				Approved	17/12/07	Hawkes Bay DHB	A		
CEN/07/45/EXP	Survey of patient perceptions of the relative value of screening programmes for cancer, cardiovascular risk and diabetes.	Ms Courtney MacDonald	23/11/07				Approved	17/12/07		A		
CEN/07/46/EXP	Comparison of outcome after sub-arachoid haemorrhage at Wellington ICU with predictive scoring systems.	Dr Andrew Stapleton	20/12/07				Approved	24/01/08	Wellington Hospital	A		
CEN/07/47/EXP	The content of pre-anaesthetic risk explanation – what does the New Zealand public wish to know about?	Mr David Rusk	11/12/07		Deferred	Expedited review application reviewed by full committee	Deferred		Wellington	A		
CEN/07/48/EXP	Exploration of staff beliefs towards residents sexuality in selected New Zealand elder care facilities (ECF).	Ms Alannah Meyer	11/12/07				Approved	18/02/08		A		Hawkes Bay Māori Health Unit