

Brian Vickers

Born 1954 England

Consumer Experience

Tonsils 1965 (Palmerston North)

Dislocated neck admission 1968 (Palmerston North)

Admitted to Manawaroa Mental Health Facility – Palmerston North 1974

Admitted to Ashburn Hall Mental Health facility Dunedin 1974-75

Admitted to Ashburn Hall 1996

3x minor operations at Taranaki base hospital 1972, 1990 & 1997

Numerous visits to ED Palmerston North, New Plymouth and Whangarei

Gastroscopy (Northland)2011

Prostate cancer (Northland) – treated by Radiation Therapy 2011 (Auckland)

Qualifications

Trained as Medical Illustrator 1977 – School of Nursing (RGON course) – Anatomy & Physiology, School of Radiology (Physics and Ethical approach) – Qualification = Professional Membership NZ Institute of Medical and Biological Illustrators.

Completed with distinction the Advanced Leadership and Management course by Blueprint. Post graduate Diploma of Business studies – Waikato

Work History

1977-1980 Palmerston North Public Hospital

1980 – 1999 Taranaki Area Health Board (&CHE - &DHB)

1999 – 2003 Contractor to Taranaki DHB (Whilst living in Whangarei)

2000 – Present Consumer advisor to Mental Health and addiction services Northland DHB

Values/beliefs

- Holistic health is a response by all of society to the good health requirement of society for all residents and citizens of this country for the benefit of society as a whole and the future prosperity of New Zealand.
- Partnership with Consumer and whanau and working for their participation needs to be a priority for Health systems to be effective within their communities.
- Evidence trumps opinion/culture.
- I believe that an efficient, considered, health system should be of equal use to all members of the entire population. Equity in health outcomes for all.
- That the DHB works for the best outcomes for the most people within the financial restraints which it operates within.
- All staff are motivated by the wish to benefit consumers and their whanau.
- Service users and whanau need to be involved and informed regarding the choices they make in terms of the outcomes they can expect as a result of those choices as much as is possible.