

Committee on matters relating to the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in State Care

Terms of Reference

1. Principles

The Council values will guide the Committee's work: Whakapono – We act with integrity Whakamārama – We will listen to understand Manaakitanga – We will support each other Kaitiakitanga – We protect the public Kotahitanga- We will work together

2. Purpose

- 2.1 The Committee will consider and recommend to Council any actions related to the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in State Care (the Inquiry), including:
 - a. The findings of an external review of Council systems and notifications processes and the current provisions in the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (HPCAA), to identify whether issues arising in the Inquiry can be prevented in the future and the protection of the public is assured,
 - b. any response to the recommendations of the Inquiry whether directed to Council or not, and
 - c. other matters related to the Inquiry.
- 2.2 All activities of the Committee will be consistent with the HPCAA.

3. Membership

- 3.1 The Committee shall comprise:
 - a. Three members of Council (at least one of whom must be a lay member)
 - b. Up to two additional external members with relevant expertise, co-opted by the Committee and for terms defined by the Committee.
- 3.2 When a member's appointment on Council ends, so will their membership on this Committee
- 3.3 The membership and Chair will be confirmed by Council

4. Governance

- 4.1 The term of the Committee will be until 30 June 2026 unless Council rescinds the appointment of the Committee earlier.
- 4.2 Decision-making shall be by consensus.
- 4.3 The Committee will meet quarterly and conduct business electronically as required.

Meetings may be conducted by videoconference and resolutions assented to by members and clauses 9 and 15 of schedule 3 of the HPCAA shall apply to the Committee as they apply to the Council.

- 4.4 Clauses 11 to 14 of Schedule 3 of the HPCAA shall apply to Committee members as if they were Council members.
- 4.5 The Committee may access legal advice when required.

5. Review of terms of reference

Council will review and must confirm the terms of reference of the Committee annually.

Approval

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Review:

May 2024 completed
June 2025
June 2026

Council: