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Hospital review helps set new direction

An independent review of engagement between medical staff and the Beaufort & Skipton Health Service has provided a clear path for a new start that focuses on a range of improvements, that will result in better meeting the needs of the local community.

The Department of Health and Human Services, who initiated the independent review, released the recommendations of the review to the Board of Management in late February this year.

Chair Rathi Dawson said the Board had accepted the recommendations, and would work with the executive, doctors and other staff to ensure they were implemented.

The review did a detailed assessment of relationships between the hospital and its contracted medical staff and recommended a range of measures to support closer ties and consultation.

"The review has enabled us all to hit the reset button and ensure that we are working together for the benefit of the community," Mrs Dawson said.

"Our health service is an important and valued asset to our communities, and our staff and our doctors are also widely respected.

"We now have an opportunity to build on this support and work together."

Prior to receiving the report, Beaufort & Skipton Health Service had already increased the role and responsibilities of Director of Medical Services Dr Amir Rahini to expand the level of medical administration and leadership support.

It will also establish a Medical Consultative Committee to provide regular and formalised meetings between the local doctors, the Beaufort & Skipton Health Service executive and the Board.

The review also recommends the upgrading of a range of policies and processes administered by the health service. To this end, the Executive and Board have commenced this work to ensure a cohesive, safe and positive working environment for patients, staff and the community."

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