

Media Release

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Counties Manukau District Health Board Wins Crown Entity Category

Counties Manukau District Health Board is the winner of the Crown Entity category of the Bearing Point (formerly KPMG) Public Sector Innovation Awards 2002 for its Diabetes Disease Management project. The awards are also sponsored by the Institute of Public Administration New Zealand (IPANZ).

There are 5 categories: Local Government; Central Government; Crown Entity; Services to Maori; Technology. CMDHB beat off competition from finalists Canterbury DHB, Health Research Council of NZ, Foundation for Research, Science & Technology and Transit NZ to take the winner's trophy in the Crown Entity category, and was the Highly Recommended runner up in the Technology category.

As well as the trophy, CMDHB was awarded a cheque for \$1,000 as part of the winners prize. Trophy and cheque were presented to CMDHB Chief Information Officer Phil Brimacombe by the Honourable Paul Swain, Minister of Information Technology.

CMDHB's entry to the awards was written by Ian Rowe, IS Enterprise Architect, who was the driving force behind the design, development and implementation of the Diabetes Disease Management system. The diabetes disease management project aimed to establish an integrated diabetes disease management program, using the best care guidelines, patient held care plans, free three monthly reviews, and comprehensive data collection, all supported by a diabetes care coordinator.

The project was notable for inventing, developing and implementing the "Integrated Care Server" (ICS) that created the ability to provide clinicians with feedback on clinical management and the ability to share information between clinical care providers.

Congratulations to the many members of the Primary Care, Integrated Care, Chronic Care and IS Teams who all contributed to the success of this project and to its well deserved recognition.

Stephen McKernon
Chief Executive



Phil Brimacombe (left) receiving the Award from the Honourable Paul Swain, Minister of Information Technology



Phil Brimacombe (left) and Ian Rowe (right)



The Bearing Point Crown Entity Award