



## Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity—Royston Hospital) Notice 2006

Pursuant to section 54 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, the Minister of Health gives the following notice.

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### Notice

- 1 Title**  
This notice is the Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity—Royston Hospital) Notice 2006.
- 2 Commencement**  
This notice comes into force on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*.
- 3 Declaration of protected quality assurance activity**  
The Royston Hospital Quality Assurance Activity described in the Schedule is a protected quality assurance activity.

#### 4 **Revocation**

The Medical Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity: Royston Hospital) Notice 2002 (SR 2002/74) is revoked.

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### **Schedule** **Description of Royston Hospital Quality** **Assurance Activity**

#### 1 **Objective**

The objective of the activity is to improve the practices and competence of health practitioners engaged in the activity by assessing the health services performed by those health practitioners.

#### 2 **Method**

- (1) The activity is based on information derived from health practitioners who provide health services at Royston Hospital on behalf of Wakefield Health Limited.
- (2) The activity involves—
  - (a) examining patients' records; and
  - (b) analysing the following data on patients:
    - (i) admission, discharge (including by transfer), and readmission; and
    - (ii) morbidity; and
    - (iii) mortality; and
    - (iv) outcomes of treatment; and
  - (c) identifying and analysing adverse outcomes, complications, or problems that arise in the treatment of patients disclosed by the actions taken under paragraphs (a) and (b); and
  - (d) considering reports prepared by health practitioners on adverse outcomes, complications, or problems that arise in the treatment of patients; and
  - (e) holding audit and peer review meetings to study and discuss the results obtained under paragraphs (c) and (d), and providing information for the purposes of those meetings; and
  - (f) compiling and reporting information obtained from the actions taken under paragraphs (a) to (e) to medical advisory and other hospital committees; and

- (g) reporting back to health practitioners on the results of the actions referred to in paragraphs (a) to (f) (for example, on trends showing up in the information referred to in paragraph (f), and on any changes in practice that are desirable to respond to those trends); and
- (h) making recommendations on how health practitioners who are engaged in the activity can improve their performance so as to—
  - (i) improve the quality of care they provide; and
  - (ii) reduce the incidence of adverse outcomes, complications, or problems; and
- (i) facilitating and monitoring implementation of any recommendations referred to in paragraph (h).

Dated at Wellington this 23rd day of November 2006.

Pete Hodgson,  
Minister of Health.

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### **Explanatory note**

*This note is not part of the notice, but is intended to indicate its general effect.*

This notice, which comes into force on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*, declares the quality assurance activity called the Royston Hospital Quality Assurance Activity to be a protected quality assurance activity. The effect of this declaration is that, subject to certain exceptions,—

- any information that becomes known solely as a result of the activity is confidential; and
- any documents brought into existence solely for the purposes of the activity are confidential; and
- the persons who engage in the activity in good faith are immune from civil liability.

Under section 54(4) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, this notice remains in force for a period of 5 years after the date on which it is issued, unless it is sooner revoked.

This notice revokes the Medical Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity: Royston Hospital) Notice 2002, which was issued under the provisions of the Medical Practitioners Act 1995 and applied only to medical practitioners.

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Issued under the authority of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989.

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This notice is administered by the Ministry of Health.

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