

Design Working Groups

This provides an overview of the Design Working Groups membership as part of the Aeromedical Commissioning Programme design process. Please note that there will be opportunities for wider sector engagement, which will be communicated via our newsletter. If you have any questions about this document, please contact airambulanceteam@TeWhatuOra.govt.nz.

Design Working Group 1 – Assets and Infrastructure

Representation	Name	Role
Flight Nurse	Jackie Hardy	Clinical Nurse Manager, Transport
Emergency Medicine / PHRM	Dr Paul Blakemore	Emergency Medicine Specialist / Pre-Hospital and Retrieval Medicine Consultant
PICU representative	Dr David Buckley	Acting Clinical Director Air Ambulance, Starship
ICU retrieval team	Dr Michael Park	Intensivist, Hawkes Bay.
Medical Director	Dr Muir Wallace	Emergency Medicine Specialist. Medical Director, SRSL
Fixed wing operations	Warwick Wild	Training and Standards manager, Skyline Aviation / NZAAS.
Rotary wing operations	Russell Pirihi	Flight Operations Manager, Northern Rescue Helicopter Limited.
Rotary wing representative	Wayne French	HEMSNZ Finance.
Search and Rescue	Justin Allan	General Manager, Maritime New Zealand, Rescue Coordination Centre New Zealand

Design Working Group 2 – Workforce

Representation	Name	Role
Flight Nurse	Antonia Johnston	Nurse Practitioner, Southern Critical Care
Emergency Medicine / PHRM	Dr Louise Park	Fellow of the Australasian College of Emergency Medicine
PICU representative	Dr Alex Hussey	Paediatric Intensivist – Medical Lead for PICU Retrievals
ICU retrieval team	Dr Daniel Owens	Clinical Director, Whangārei
Rural health representative	Dr Jonathon Wills	Doctor, Dunstan Hospital

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Critical Care Paramedic	Karl Taylor	Chief Operating Officer, Northern Rescue Helicopter Limited
Fixed wing operations	Matt Hayes	Training Manager- Fixed Wing, Garden City Helicopters Aviation
Rotary wing operations	Graeme Harvey	Clinical Operations Manager, Search and Rescue Services Ltd
Rotary wing representative	Julian Waite	General Manager, Helicopter Emergency Medical Services Clinical Ltd
Search and Rescue	Lyle Patterson	Team Lead Response Operations, Rescue Coordination Centre New Zealand and Safety Systems

Design Working Group 3 – Dispatch and Coordination, and Governance

Representation	Name	Role
Flight Nurse	Sarah Rodgers	Wellington Hospital flight CNS
Emergency Medicine/ PHRM representative	Dr Christopher Duncan	Emergency Medicine Specialist
PICU representative	Di Fuller	CNS Transport PICU
ICU retrieval team (role share)	Dr Alex Psirides Dr Neil Davidson	Co-Director, Wellington ICU; Medical Director, Wellington ICU Aeromedical Retrieval Service. Clinical Lead Canterbury Air Retrieval/Intensivist.
Medical Director (delegate)	Dr Nick Longley	Prehospital and retrieval medicine doctor and ED consultant
Rural health representative	Dr Jason Peterken	SMO – Rural Hospital Medicine
Fixed wing operations	Arthur Ruddenklau	Operations Manager – Fixed Wing, Garden City Helicopters Aviation
Rotary wing operations	Chris Moody	Chief Operating Officer, Search and Rescue Services Ltd
Rotary wing representative	Jono Curran	Advisor, Helicopter Emergency Medical Services
New Zealand Air Ambulance Service representative	Andrea Johnstone	Senior mission coordinator, New Zealand Air Ambulance Service
National Air Desk representative	Luke Jennings	Clinical Support Officer, National Air Desk, Blue Watch Paramedic Relief
Search and Rescue (back up provided)	Mike Clulow Craig Rendel	Manager Operations, Rescue Coordination Centre New Zealand and Safety Systems Manager of Operations & Emergency Management, NZ Police

