

# Aide-Mémoire

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**To:** Hon Simeon Brown, Minister of Health

**Consulted:** Health New Zealand:

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### Contact for telephone discussion

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### About the Meeting

#### Purpose of Meeting

General Practice New Zealand (GPNZ) has requested to meet with you to discuss:

- the Manage My Health data breach;
- development of advice on the future of Primary Health Organisations (PHOs) and alliances.

This Aide Mémoire provides background information and advice on the topics for discussion.

#### Details of Meeting

**Date:** 12 March 2026

**Time:** 11.00 – 11.20am

**Venue:** EW 6.6

#### Attendees

(biographies attached as Appendix 1)

Maura Thompson, Chief Executive, GPNZ

Dr Bryan Betty, Chair, GPNZ and Chair of the Primary Care Advisory Group

#### Ministry representatives

Laura Seary, Manager Primary and Community Healthcare Policy

Dr Joe Bourne, Chief Medical Officer, can attend the meeting online if required.

## Background

1. General Practice New Zealand (GPNZ) is a membership organisation that represents the primary care sector. Its membership includes 25 of the 31 Primary Health Organisations (PHOs) which cover around 4.4 million people. GPNZ supports PHOs to provide services to New Zealanders.

## Manage My Health data breach

2. Manage My Health (MMH) is a privately-operated online patient portal used by some general practices and other healthcare providers to share health information with their patients. The cyber security breach in late December 2025, involved access by ransom hackers to documents stored in the 'My Health Documents' section of the portal and included data like hospital discharge summaries and documents uploaded by patients themselves. It resulted in unauthorised access to the clinical documents and personal health information of over 120,000 individuals.
3. An All of Government Incident Management Team was established with Health New Zealand (Health NZ) as the lead agency. Health NZ is assisting MMH as it communicates with and supports the patients and health providers affected. MMH applied to the High Court and was granted interim injunction orders to prevent third parties using stolen health data that may be posted from the incident.
4. Health NZ has been providing you and other Government agencies with updates on the incident. The Public Service Commissioner is also seeking assurance across the wider public sector. As regulator, the Office of the Privacy Commissioner (OPC) has the statutory mandate to ensure organisations comply with the Privacy Act 2020 and the health code. MMH has reported the data breach to the OPC as required and the Privacy Commissioner will undertake an independent inquiry into the incident.

## Ministry of Health review of the Manage My Health data breach

5. The Ministry-led review of the MMH data breach is being undertaken in partnership with the Government Chief Digital Officer and the National Cyber Security Centre.<sup>1</sup>
6. The aim of the review is to understand the causes of the breach, its response and to recommend improvements to ensure data breaches are better prevented in the future. Its findings will apply more broadly to other digital platforms that manage health data (see MediMap data breach below).
7. A procurement process for a cyber-security company was completed in January 2026 and Bastion Security Group was selected.
8. You have agreed to a two week delay in the delivery of the phase 1 report (originally expected on 27 February 2026) due to delays in receiving forensic and testing reports from MMH and Health NZ. The final report on the review is expected by 30 April 2026.

9. s 9(2)(g)(i)

<sup>1</sup> The Review's scope and Terms of Reference can be found on the Ministry's website [Ministry review into the Manage My Health data breach | Ministry of Health NZ](#)

s 9(2)(g)(i)

### Medimap data breach

10. In the context of the overall security of health data, GPNZ may also raise with you the Medimap data breach which occurred in late February 2026.
11. Medimap, which is a privately owned and operated digital medication management platform, was taken offline when some records were found to have been incorrectly modified.
12. The real-time electronic charting system is used by aged care, disability, hospice, and community health sectors to manage patient medications.
13. MediMap has notified the Office of the Privacy Commissioner and NZ Police.

14. s 9(2)(g)(i)

### Future of Primary Health Organisations and alliances

15. GPNZ supports increased collaboration between a range of stakeholders, including the role of PHOs, to build an integrated response to health needs in communities across New Zealand.

16. s 9(2)(g)(i)

17. s 9(2)(ba)(i)

s 9(2)(ba)(i)

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s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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s 9(2)(g)(i)



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## Appendix 1: GPNZ attendees and biographies

	<p>Bryan has been Chair of GPNZ since March 2023. He is a specialist GP and sits on the Board of Trustees of Porirua Union Health in Cannons Creek. He has extensive experience in primary care and has held sector roles including Pharmac deputy medical director, RNZCGP medical director and member of the Ministry of Health Technical Advisory Group advising on the COVID-19 response. He was appointed chair of the Primary Care Advisory Group in November 2025.</p> <p>In 2022 Bryan was appointed as an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to health.</p>
	<p>Maura has spent her entire career working in health, with a particular focus on primary care and workforce. She has extensive experience working in health policy, strategy, and communications in both New Zealand and the UK, which includes working for the Ministry of Health and the UK Department of Health.</p>

Dr Bryan Betty  
Chair, General Practice New Zealand

Maura Thompson  
Chief Executive, General Practice New Zealand