# Video transcript - Interview with Te Awhi Allen, Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki - Health Workforce NZ Dialogue

Te Awhi Allen What organisation are you representing here? Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki. How are you feeling about today? And what brought you here to, attend the event? We were invited to listen and give our feedback, about the work we do as kaiawhina.

Oh, so, at this stage listening to all the speakers.

Did you? Yes, yes.

fell connected So I think after listening to them, and after the morning tea, getting around each or all the questions that were asked and answers.

Maybe I will have input.

Yes.

It's to take take it all in.

Yeah.

Yes.

For health.

Yes.

Working for Te Korowai for two years, but I was working for mainstream medical centre for eight years.

And in Australia and a medical centre for five Years - a 24-hour medical centre.

As kaiawhina? Oh, generally .

When I was working at a private practice, I found a lot of barriers a lot of things I wanted to do with patients, but couldn't do.

And when I worked for Te Korowai, these barriers bore down.

I could work with patients the way I feel we've been working with them.

Especially the kaumātuas and kuias and going the extra mile with the patients.

Yes, and I love what I do.

Yeah, I've found that, because in Hauraki, Our kaimahi, we all come from a marae base.

Worked in the kitchens.

So when we were called to do the COVID vaccinations, it wasn't a problem with us, because we just dropped what we did and did.

And we were used to change happening because at the marae, if things change you have to drop and do and change.

So we were all used to that, so it wasn't difficult for us to do that.

Yeah.