



Palliative Medicine MO/SMO

Kōrero mō te tūranga - About the role

0.8 FTE (with room for negotiation), rostered fixed term.

We are seeking an experienced Palliative Medicine MO/SMO to join our progressive team of experienced medical officers and one vocational specialist. This is a fixed term position to cover sabbatical leave.

Kei whea to wahi mahi - Where you will be working:

Te Kahu Pairuri Hospice Taranaki inpatient service and community care service, New Plymouth.

E pā ana ki a tatou - About us

Te Kahu Pairuri Hospice Taranaki is the only specialised community palliative care provider to the Taranaki region. Our hospice comprises of a 5 - bed inpatient unit on site, combined with an impressive community care service. We serve a population of 123000, with a monthly average of 220 patients based around our Maunga, Mount Taranaki.

We remain pivoted to community-delivered care as our primary focus, in particular improving access to optimal palliative care for patients in our rural areas. Care is delivered through home visits, rural outreach clinics and consult support to GPs/rural medicine specialists/nurse practitioners and the aged care sector. We operate using both face-to-face and virtual means of communication and consultation.

We also provide out-of-hours phone consult palliative care advice and support to the Taranaki Base Hospital (regional 200 bed hospital), based only 300 metres away from our hospice.

Taranaki has unique geography and population. Work will take you from the metropolitan centre of New Plymouth to the very rural areas of the province.

Our hospice has a vibrant and friendly staff covering the key disciplines of Palliative Care. Patients and whanau under hospice services, have access to a full range of psychosocial and spiritual support through illness and bereavement.

Te Kahu Pairuri Hospice Taranaki has a strong education ethos, working hard to build learning and improve care both internally and with other community providers. As a member of our medical team, we would welcome you to be involved in regular teaching of visiting medical students and staff within the organisation.



Hospice Taranaki

Te Kahu Pairuri ki Taranaki

The successful applicant will be employed by Te Kahu Pairuri Hospice Taranaki as a MO/SMO for a fixed term of approximately 8 weeks from an agreed date in the latter part of June until an agreed date in the first weeks of August. This is to provide sabbatical cover for a very experienced Medical Officer. Support with travel can be negotiated.

A choice to spend some time in the Taranaki comes with an enviable lifestyle, with a vibrant city and artistic community. We have a resident music scene including regular visiting acts and concerts. We are blessed with endless surfing beaches and an awe-inspiring Maunga/mountain backdrop. We also remain a 50 minute direct flight to Auckland and Wellington. Those who visit the Taranaki rarely want to leave.

Requirements for applicants

- To be able to demonstrate significant experience as a palliative care MO within New Zealand, at a level where one can work autonomously within your scope as part of our team, or hold vocational registration in Palliative Medicine with the Medical Council of New Zealand
- Work in collaboration with multidisciplinary team
- Exemplary communication skills
- Able to provide consistently high standards of medical care
- Relevant experience and training

At Te Kahu Pairuri Hospice Taranaki we embrace diversity and welcome applications from all eligible persons. We wish our workforce to reflect the community that we serve.

Me pēhea te tuku tono - How to apply:

For further information regarding this opportunity please contact;

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