

Dear PRIMHD NGO decision-maker

There has been some miscommunication regarding the costs that NGO providers of mental health and addiction services will incur when establishing an electronic connection with PRIMHD.

Please be aware that all NGOs have to bear their own costs in gaining secure access to PRIMHD.

Because PRIMHD can only be accessed via the Health Network, NGOs can only gain access to the Health Network via an accredited secure network service. While the Health Network itself is free of charge, NGOs will need to pay an accredited commercial service vendor to gain access to the Health Network.

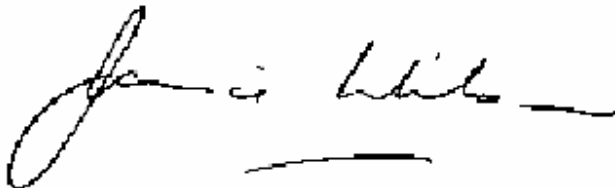
Further information is available on the Ministry's website on
Selecting an accredited network service
Possible costs (installation and ongoing)
Approaching a network service vendor

Visit <http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexmh/primhd-ngos>

The Health Network Governance Board (an operational unit of the Ministry of Health) is responsible for accrediting commercial network services that meet the prescribed level of secure operation. The Health Network Code of Practice sets out the standards for accreditation. A list of all accredited network services can be found on the Ministry of Health web site at <http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexmh/healthnetwork-infopack>.

If you need more information about secure network cost options, please contact your IT support service provider. Your PRIMHD Regional Coordinator will also be in touch to discuss any queries you may have (for contact details visit <http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexmh/primhd-contact>).

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janice Wilson', with a horizontal line underneath.

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