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Dear Sir/Madam

Proposed new Integrated Pharmacist Services in the Community Agreement

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed new Integrated Pharmacist Services in the Community Agreement.

The Primary Health Alliance is a membership organisation comprising of multi-professional organisations from across the primary health care sector. Most crucially, our members include PHOs from the length of New Zealand as well as associated NGOs and professional bodies including the Pharmaceutical Society of New Zealand (PSNZ), the College of Midwives, the Pharmacy Guild and Allied Health New Zealand.

Our members typically serve some of New Zealand's highest need and most rural communities. We adopt a patient-centred and equity approach to our work and believe in an integrated 'one team' approach to best meet the health needs of our population.

With regards to the specific proposals within the consultation:

- We cannot support the separation of professional advice from the supply of medicines without clearly defined and associated patient safety arrangements being agreed by the sector.
- We cannot support a two-tier service which potentially leaves high-need and vulnerable consumers at the mercy of local commissioning and decision making.
- We cannot support a proposed contract which appears to lack vital detail relating to funding and future sustainability.

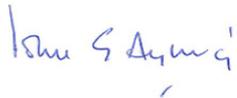
In an environment underpinned by the 'one-team' approach set out in the New Zealand Health Strategy we are surprised by the lack of sector wide and multi-professional input to a proposed contract which impacts the breadth of the sector and the entire population of the country.

We would encourage the parties to return to seek the development of proposals which optimise New Zealand's vital health workforce and limited funding whilst extending a high quality and

accessible service to all of our most vulnerable communities. In that regard we would be delighted to offer the services of the Primary Health Alliance to help facilitate or provide professional input into such a process to enable a jointly designed and agreed contract proposal to be accepted by all parties.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Ayling".

John Ayling
Chair