

## **1. BreastScreen Midland (BSM) – new GP co-ordinator**

BSM are sorry to lose GP co-ordinator, Sandy Wright, but delighted that Robyn Jackson (currently known to many of you as the voice at the end of the National Immunisation Register phone) will take up this role on 11 August. Robyn is the face of BSM to you in general practice. She will be spending time in different practices to learn how things work from the GP perspective so she can be as supportive as possible in assisting you to enrol women into the breast screening programme.

## **2. Antenatal HIV screening programme – translated booklets available**

The Antenatal HIV screening programme has now been running in the Waikato DHB for 2 ½ years. We have now had 20,541 antenatal HIV tests performed. It remains important that every pregnant woman is made aware that an HIV test is routinely offered as part of the antenatal blood testing. This information sharing at the time of testing is a vital component of informed consent (which is a legal requirement in New Zealand).

There are some new resources available from the NSU website [www.nsu.govt.nz](http://www.nsu.govt.nz)

The booklet 'HIV testing in pregnancy' has been translated into:

- Tongan
- Maori
- Samoan
- Hindi
- Swahili
- Korean
- Traditional Chinese
- Simplified Chinese

You can download the booklet from the NSU website or contact Caroline if you require copies. Thank you for your ongoing support of this programme.

Caroline Wharry,  
HIV Clinical Nurse Specialist  
Waikato Hospital

Ph 07 839 8899 ext 23040

## **3. Update on the Service and Campus Redevelopment project**

### **Waikato Hospital**

Since opening in February, use of the carpark building and Transit Lounge continues to increase with both demonstrating their value through the busy times and bad weather.

Work is well underway on the new emergency department, sterile services unit and acute hub. This is expected to be completed August 2009.

The first half of the refurbished delivery suite opened in July. Each birthing room has its own ensuite facilities and the rooms are more modern and brighter with each receiving natural sunlight. At end-state this first half will be the Women's Assessment Unit (temporarily established across the corridor) so rooms have been primarily designed for that purpose but have the ability to be used as birthing rooms too. Work is now underway on the remaining half to bring it up to the same standard by the end of the year.

The Selwyn St entry/exit will re-open for staff, emergency vehicles and buses by the end of September. Patients and visitors will continue to use Gate 1 off Pembroke St.

### **Thames Hospital**

Construction of the Thames Clinical Centre is complete and the centre will be fully functional by the end of October for outpatient clinics, radiology and the emergency department.

Work on the Inpatient Unit also continues for completion in December. The unit will house the hospital wards and a high acuity unit.

For more information about the project visit [www.waikatodhb.govt.nz/SCR](http://www.waikatodhb.govt.nz/SCR).

Clinic	Category	Waiting Time
Audiology	Children 9-32 mths	4 months
	Under 17 years	4 months
	Children's hearing aids	4 weeks
	Adult diagnostic tests	6 months
	Adult hearing aids	6 months
	Central auditory processing test	6 months
Breast Care	Urgent	3 weeks
	Semi-urgent *BCC Imaging Urgent only	3 month 2 weeks
Cardiac Surgery	Urgent	1-3 weeks
	Semi-urgent	3-6 weeks
Cardiology	Urgent	1-2 months
	Semi-urgent	2-6 months
	Routine	6 months
Colposcopy	Invasive	Within 7 days
	High grade	4 weeks
	Low grade	26 weeks
	Non cervical	26 weeks
Dental	Urgent	24 hours
	Semi-urgent	3 weeks
	Routine	3 months
Dermatology (1) Fax urgent referrals to 07 839 8670	Urgent	Within 5 days
	Semi-urgent	4 months
	Routine	6 months
Paediatric Dermatology		5 months
Dermatology Lesion Clinic	Urgent	7 days
	Semi-urgent	4 weeks
	Routine	6 months
Diabetes Consultant (2)	Urgent	1-4 weeks
	Semi-urgent	2-3 months
	Routine	Within 6 months
Diabetes Nurse Educator	Urgent	1-4 weeks
	Semi-urgent	2-3 Months
Endocrinology	Urgent	4-6 weeks
	Semi-urgent	Within 6 months
	Routine	Within 6 months
Endoscopy/Colonoscopy Medical	Urgent	4-6 weeks
	Semi-Urgent	4-6 weeks
	Urgent	4-6 weeks
	Semi-urgent	12-18 months
Surgical	Urgent	1-6 weeks
	Semi-urgent (children)	6 months
	Semi-urgent (adults)	6 months
Gastro-enterology	Urgent	2-4 weeks
	Semi-urgent	2-6 weeks
General Medicine	Urgent	1-2 weeks
	Semi-urgent	2-4 weeks
	Routine	2-3 months
General Surgery	Urgent	1-4 weeks
	Semi urgent	2-6 months
Gynaecology	Urgent	2 weeks
	Semi-urgent	3 months
	Routine	6 months
Haematology	Urgent	2-8 weeks
	Semi-urgent	6-4 weeks
	Routine	4-6 months
	DVT	4 months
Maxillo-facial	Urgent	Within 24 hours
	Semi-urgent	Within 3 weeks
	Routine	3 months
Neurology	Urgent	1-3 months
	Semi-urgent	5 months
	EMG urgent	1-4 months
	Routine	4-6 months
	EEG urgent routine	2-8 weeks 2-6 months
Neurosurgery	Urgent	Within 1 month
	Semi-urgent Routine	Within 6 months
Older Persons & Rehabilitation Service	Assessment & Outpatients	
	Geriatrician Clinic	1-3 weeks
	PT Clinic	1-3 weeks
	OT Clinic	1-3 weeks
	Rehabilitation Clinic	
	PT Clinic	1-3 weeks
	OT Clinic	1-3 weeks
Rehabilitation Physician Clinic	1-3 weeks	

Clinic	Category	Waiting Time
	(Neuropsychologist)	
	Urgent	1-3 weeks
	Semi-urgent	1-6 months
	Routine	2 years
Oncology and Medical	Priority 1	1-2 days
	Priority 2	5-10 working days
	Priority 3	35-40 working days
	Priority 1	1-2 days
Radiation	Priority 1	5-10 working days
	Priority 2	20-25 working days
	Priority 3	
Ophthalmology	Urgent	within 1 month
	Urgent laser	1-3 weeks
	Semi-urgent – Children	within 6 months
	Semi-urgent – Adults	6 months
	Semi-urgent (diabetic) Minor Operation Clinic	1 month within 6 months
Orthopaedic	General – Urgent	1-8 weeks
	Semi-urgent	Up to 3 months
	Routine	Up to 6 months
	Paediatrics – Urgent	1-6 weeks
	Semi-urgent Routine	Up to 4 months Up to 6 months
	Paediatric Gait Clinic CDH/DDH Assess	NB: referrals maybe initially seen by a Generalist Orthopaedic Surgeon Within 3 months 1-6 weeks
Paediatric Medicine	Urgent	1-2 months
	Semi-urgent Routine	3 months 3-6 months
Paediatric Surgical	Urgent	2-4 weeks
	Semi-urgent	4-6 weeks
	Routine	8-12 weeks
Pain clinic	Urgent	Up to 1 month
	Semi-urgent	Up to 3 months
	Routine	Up to 6 months
Physiotherapy	General musculoskeletal	5 days (urgent) 6-8weeks (routine)
	Respiratory	5 days (urgent) 4 weeks (semiurgent)
	Rheumatology	4 weeks
	Women's Health	5 days (urgent)
	Continence	3-4 weeks (routine) 6 months
Plastics (1) Fax immediate / acute referrals to 07 839 8670	Urgent	Within 2 weeks
	Semi-urgent	3 months
	Routine	5 months
Plastics Lesion clinic	Urgent	2 weeks
	Semi-urgent Routine	2 months 4 months
Renal	Urgent	1-4 weeks
	Semi-urgent Routine	2-4 months 4-6 months
Respiratory	Urgent	1-4 weeks
	Semi-urgent	1-2 months
	Routine	4-6 months
Rheumatology (3)	Urgent	1-4 weeks
	Semi-urgent	1-2 months
	Routine	2-4 months
Thyroid	Urgent	4-6 weeks
	Semi-urgent Routine	Within 6 months 4-6 months
Ultrasound	Very Urgent	1 week
	Urgent	2 weeks
	Priority	4 weeks
	Routine	3 months
	Non-urgent	6 months
Urology		Within 2 months
Vascular	Urgent	1-4 weeks
	Semi-urgent	2-4 months
	Routine	4-6 months
Vascular Surgery	Urgent	1-4 weeks
	Semi-urgent	2-4 months
	Routine	4-6 months
<b>Adult Mental Health Waiting Times</b>		
Triage (face to face or phone triage)	Crisis referrals	Within 24 hours
	Non-crisis/routine	Within 2 weeks

1 Immediate & urgent dermatology/plastics cases must be discussed with the specialist or registrar to allow appropriate prioritisation.

2 All urgent diabetes referrals can be seen on the same day.

3 All urgent rheumatology cases should be discussed with the rheumatologist.