

AccessAction

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Chris was there with his K9 Krunchies for sale.



Rob Haveswood from Parafed was there with a Trike for staff to try out.

MAY DAY!

Taranaki DHB hosted its fourth annual 'Disability MAY Affect You Day' on 7 May 2015. The theme was equipment and a number of community groups set up stalls and displays in Base Hospital's Atrium. The Atrium is where TDHBs Main Reception is located and is a place of constant movement. The community groups enjoyed the contact with both staff and visitors passing through.

Chris Rolston from Taranaki Down Syndrome Association commented "It was the best May Day ever. Foot traffic with public and staff increased on previous years with the atrium location. I also had contact with families that need our (Down Syndrome) support so that was a major plus this year. It was great to both network with other community groups that support people with disabilities and to increase our profile in the in the community."



NZ Sign language with the Deaf Aotearoa butterfly symbol.



Marama and the reaching aid.

TDHBs Disability Action Group

The Taranaki DHB's Disability Action Group meets every two months. The group has effective representation including; people with disabilities, disabled people organisations and Taranaki DHB staff. The group assist and advise Taranaki DHB in implementing the NZ and Taranaki Disability Strategies through the Taranaki DHB Disability Action Plan. For more information contact Keryn Roderick, Portfolio Manager on ext 8798.

New patient/consumer consultation procedure

A new patient/consumer consultation procedure has been developed to guide staff when consulting with the Taranaki DHB Disability Action Group.

As an example, when services are developing or reviewing patient information (e.g. patient letters, pamphlets or booklets) group members are available to provide the disability perspective. This is an example of co-design, working in partnership with patients.

Click on link below for full details regarding the procedure.

<http://tdhb.intranet/Notices/New+Patient+Consumer+consultation+procedure.htm>

Additional mobility car parks

The Disability Action Group has supported the increase in mobility car parks at Taranaki Base Hospital. These are available for people with Mobility Parking Permits. There are now three spaces at the maternity entrance and two new mobility car park spaces between maternity and mental health.

For more information on car parking at Base Hospital see the map on our website.

www.tdhb.org.nz/patients_visitors/documents/car_parking_map.pdf

Listen UP!

Amigo T5 Hearing Devices are available

Are you or is someone you know hard of hearing? You can request an Amigo T5 Hearing Device to utilise during your appointments or stay at Taranaki Base and/or Hawera Hospital. The 'Amigo' consists of a small microphone (worn by our health professionals) and a set of discreet headphones (worn by the patient). It is simple to use. Gabriella Chitty, Clinical Leader for physiotherapy inpatients at TDHB recommends the Amigo.

"I have used it with various patients on the rehabilitation ward as well as occasionally on the acute wards. Physiotherapists play a large part in educating patients about their condition, providing and explaining exercises and giving feedback on technique. This is extremely difficult with hearing impaired patients. Additionally, it is very important that we have buy in from patients and it's obviously hard to motivate patients to participate in rehabilitation if they don't know why they are doing things. The Amigo Hearing Device really helped me communicate effectively with hearing impaired patients, therefore improving the quality of their rehabilitation and enhancing their participation. I found patients also appreciated being informed and felt more empowered as a result."

Gabriella Chitty (right) using the Amigo Hearing Device

