

# TARANAKI PATHOLOGY SERVICES

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## BACKGROUND

In February 2019 an RFP was released by Taranaki District Health Board (TDHB) for the delivery of community referred laboratory and pathology services.

On July 11, 2019 Healthscope was named as preferred provider of community pathology services to the Taranaki region.

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN

From the commencement of the contract (February 2020) Healthscope will operate a fully accredited community testing laboratory in New Plymouth and also provide histology, cytology and clinical pathology services for Taranaki Base Hospital.

The availability of collection services for patients will be extended with an increased number of collection services operating across the Taranaki region.

## HOW WILL THIS TRANSITION HAPPEN

A Healthscope project team will facilitate the transition of the current community provider (Taranaki Medlab) to a Healthscope run laboratory service ensuring service continuity and avoiding any disruption. The new service will be known as Taranaki Pathology Services.



## FIONA JAMES

### Customer Liaison Officer



We are very fortunate to have one of our own living in New Plymouth.

Fiona James and her husband moved to New Plymouth 18 months ago to be closer to family.

Fiona has extensive experience working for community laboratories over many years. Her most recent role was as customer liaison manager for Wellington SCL. Latterly, this role included Fiona assisting with the successful transition of the Wellington community laboratory contract. Fiona is looking forward to meeting with you, to develop an understanding of your practice and the expectations of your local laboratory service.

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