

PNZ Executive Nominee: Wayne Hudson



I gained my qualifications in 1999 and have been practicing for 20 years. I am currently based in Napier with my wife and three girls. I gained experience working in two DHBs, private MSK clinics here and overseas, and at ACC. My career focus for the last 10 years has been in the area of Occupational Health. I am a past committee member and treasurer of the PNZ Occupational Health Special Interest Group.

My current role is as Executive Clinical Services Manager for Habit Group. Habit Group is New Zealand's largest rehabilitation group with over 500 staff plus a large network of sub-contracted providers across New Zealand. My role involves oversight of our North Island wide operations overseeing staff, budgets, quality and performance for around 250 staff. My work to oversee the business is via approximately 20 Regional Leads and Service Leads who sit under me across the North Island. I oversee 'med fees/regulations' and contracted service delivery from 25 sites. The role also includes operational oversight of the Habit Group's occupational health nursing division which is called OK Health. I am also involved with negotiating, implementing and managing MSD, ACC and private corporate contracts that Habit Group holds.

My interest in joining the PNZ Executive is that I can contribute proven leadership and governance experience to the group. My day to day work involves a range of operational tasks including contract negotiations, tenders and a small amount of clinical work. Often, in my work I am meeting with senior management of DHBs, PHO's, private employers and government organisations. I want to bring those skills and add value to the wider physiotherapy network focusing on diversifying funding opportunities, increasing the value proposition for all physiotherapists, and positioning therapists as a key partner in clinical pathway designs.