How we help:

We are a group of trained, professional and approachable people who provide a **free and confidential** service for consumers who are concerned about the health care service they have received.

Our aims are to:

- Help you personally
- Improve the quality of health services

We:

- Listen
- Support
- Communicate
- Liaise

Sometimes talking to your health professional can be difficult. When you're unwell or concerned or even just confused it helps to have someone independent to call on.

Our service can help. We can write letters or make phone calls on your behalf, advise you about complaints procedures, we can come with you to meetings to support you with your complaint.

Making a difference to Health Services...

The Health Consumer Service is designed to assist you in communicating your concerns to your health provider.

- This ensures the health provider has the opportunity to address your concerns
- It may also result in changes that will benefit others

Health Services include:

- Medical
- Surgical
- Mother & Baby
- Chemist
- Dental
- Disability Support
- Home Help
- Counselling
- Resthomes
- Mental Health
- Community Health Services

We work co-operatively with health providers. Consumers and health providers can trust that we will be impartial.

We are an independent trust contracted by the Midland District Health Boards

He panui mou

Mehemea he patai au he whakapae ranei, e ana ki nga kaimahi Hauora katoa, waea atu nga Health Consumer Services mangai o too rohe. The Service operates in the Midland Region

There are three ways you can contact us:

1

FREEPHONE **0800 801 482**

or Hamilton residents phone: 846 1991

Telephone and ask your nearest representative to visit you and discuss the matter.

See back page for contact details

3

Write to

Health Consumer Service PO Box 15019 Dinsdale, Hamilton 3243

Please include your full name, address and a contact telephone number



Contact Details:

FREEPHONE 0800 801 482

or phone direct:

Taupo

Maurice Gianotti (07) 377 0992

Hamilton

Lois Livingston (07) 856 5433 Margaret Southgate (07) 856 9522 Cary Douglas (07) 850 5744

Taumarunui

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Taranaki

Ella Borrows (06) 278 4838

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PO Box 15019

Dinsdale Hamilton 3243

Executive Officer:

Raewyn Edgar-Wolfe Hamilton Office (07) 846 1991

Concerned about the health care service you have received?

Speak to an independ<mark>ent person about your options...</mark>

HEALTH consumer service

