



Professor Des Gorman
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Dear Des

Thank you so much for your considered response to our recent correspondence with you regarding the Health of the Health Workforce Report (2015).

Your communication has been welcomed by members of Occupational Therapy New Zealand Whakaora Ngangahau Aotearoa. We are pleased to hear that there is an intent to be included in the second round of professional groups to be modelled using the workforce forecasting tool.

With regards to the information and data needing to be collected we see this potentially as an extensive body of work and would like to review how this can be achieved. OTNZ WNA is one component of our profession and we realise we need to seek the engagement of our regulatory authority the Occupational Therapy Board of New Zealand, (OTBNZ) including participation from our educational programmes representing the two occupational therapy schools here in Aotearoa / New Zealand. However as a first step we would value and appreciate your comments and understanding of this next phase.

To that end and In terms of the queries you have posed to the association about working alongside HWNZ, I would like to extend an invitation for you to attend our Council meeting to discuss further.

Council will be meeting in Wellington on Friday 15 July 2016 and we hope that you are able to confirm your availability. Accordingly we look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

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