

Consultation on Professional Standards Policies

This consultation proposes a suite of professional standard policies for Complaints, Disciplinary and Fitness to Practice (health) notifications.

Feedback from members of the Profession and other Stakeholders is welcomed.

The Chiropractic Board (the Board) is the Responsible Authority of Chiropractors in Aotearoa, New Zealand. The Board protects the Public and promotes good chiropractic practice.

Part of the Board's key regulatory functions as set out by the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 is to:

- *receive information from any person about the practice, conduct, or competence of health practitioners and, if it is appropriate to do so, act on that information:*
- *notify employers, the Accident Compensation Corporation, the Director-General of Health, and the Health and Disability Commissioner that the practice of a health practitioner may pose a risk of harm to the public:*
- *consider the cases of health practitioners who may be unable to perform the functions required for the practice of the profession:*

The draft policies

The Board has developed the following policies:

(click on the links to access)

1. [Complaints Policy](#)
2. [Competence Review Policy](#)
3. [Fitness to Practice \(Health\) Policy](#)

These policies were created with the principles of natural justice in mind for both the complainant and the practitioner. Although these are standalone policies, there may be notifications that are covered by more than one policy, for example a complaint received that is referred to a PCC resulting in a competence review.

CONSULTATION

The Board asks you to consider the following questions:

1. Do you agree with the draft policies?
2. Do you believe there are other considerations to be made in respect of the draft policies?
3. Do you have any other comments you would like to make?

The consultation period will be open for 6 weeks. Submissions will close **Friday, 08 April 2022**

To make a submission, please email the Board at admin@chiropracticboard.org.nz