

Tairawhiti District Health

Chaplain's Report to Diocese of Waiapu 2012-2013.

Over the 12 months the Chaplaincy team has progressed well. We have lost a few volunteers to full time work or other callings but as they have left others have come forward to replace them. We currently have 11 VCA, four of them have undergone the training course, all passed satisfactorily and have settled in well.

Our LSP committee has dwindled as our past chairman resigned to tend to other mission and recently unfortunately one of our members passed away. However ICHC CEO Ron Malpass and Margaret Poynton have supported us by attending and chairing our past meetings. Ron has also recruited new members to our committee so things are looking up now.

Gisborne hospital has 120 beds and although 60% of our patient are Maori we do have an influx of varying ethnicity in our patients and staff. The statistics of our visiting and care of our patients will show in the report attached from Margaret Poynton from the ICHC office.

God Bless you all

Rev Maureen Martin

Chaplain