

Funding of Equipment Position Statement

Cystic Fibrosis New Zealand (CFNZ) has reviewed our provision of equipment and we are aware of the health and safety risks of a patient organisation, with no medical employees, supplying medical devices and also the financial burden this places on our organisation. We are also aware of the inequality of care around NZ where some District Health Boards (DHBs) supply cystic fibrosis (CF) equipment and others do not.

CFNZ is exiting the provision of medical devices which are vital to the treatment of a person with CF.

We are in the process of transitioning the supply of compressors, nebulisers and consumables to the DHBs and hope to have this completed by 30 June 2019. Any equipment remaining after that time will either be gifted to a person with CF if required or gifted to the relevant DHB. To avoid any possible risk of cross infection, equipment which has been used by a person with CF that is not required by that person will be destroyed.

We acknowledge the support of PHARMAC, EBOS, DHBs and CFNZ branches in this process.

CFNZ may, at our discretion, continue to fundraise for equipment not supplied by DHBs which improves the quality of life for people with CF, such as Pari mobiles and e-flows. This equipment would be gifted to people with CF based on need with the understanding that there is no commitment from CFNZ to provide equipment at any given time, or to provide consumables or maintenance.

Where DHBs provide limited or no access for people with CF to equipment that enhances treatment and quality of life, such as oxygen concentrators and MetaNeb, CFNZ may look to fundraising for, and gifting, this equipment on discussion with a DHB.