**DISABILITY WORKING GROUP**

**Key Messages October 2022**

Members: John Marrable, Simon Fogarty, George Kerr, Te Aroha Springford,

Standing members: William Robertson, Kathryn Harkin,

Apologies: David Bainbridge-Zafar, Jeff Melville, Jack Devereux, Vanessa Taane, Heather Clay

Guests:

The Disability Working Group members met on Friday 14 October 2022.

* Member reported positive interactions at the hospital including screener response to consumer using NZSL and when phoning through to get information for a very anxious consumer with an upcoming visit to hospital
* Signage much improved up at Wakari entrance, a couple more things that need to be changed. John to feed back. Need to establish what changes have occurred at Southland since previous audit – John due to go down for another visit. Need to establish what changes have been made to date – hold them accountable.
* Short staffing an international issue
* Accessibility Charter proffered as something that group should consider suggesting Te Whatu Ora Southern sign on to – members agreed. John to contact Office for Disability Issues.
* Enabling Good Lives being developed nationally, consumer workshop held recently
* Enabling Good Lives a great model but does not reach those with mental health or long term chronic conditions.
* Te Whatu Ora Southern-funded services should have included in their contract their responsibilities under the Disability Strategy as well
* Suggestion of a database of staff who have lived experience/training in disability – link with Staff Disability Survey which is upcoming
* Suggestion of a photo board of cross-hospital staff, e.g. chaplain who can be contacted