



**Canterbury
Primary
Response
Group**

Co-ordinated primary care in extraordinary times

Supporting Canterbury general practice, community pharmacy, community nursing and healthcare workers in:

- **Pandemics**
- **Natural disasters**
- **Man-made disasters**

Canterbury Primary Response Group (CPRG) has been there for them all since 2005.

Who are CPRG?

CPRG is a group of primary care-focussed clinicians, managers and strategists, working in an evidence-based partnership with the Canterbury District Health Board (CDHB), Medical Officers of Health, Canterbury Community Pharmacy Group, Pegasus Health, Waitaha Primary Health and Christchurch PHO to coordinate responses to extraordinary events in Canterbury. Included in the primary care remit is general practitioners, practice nurses, community nurses, community pharmacists, rest homes and residential care facilities.

What do we do?

CPRG has an extensive **planning** role. The group has built strong links with ESR, CDHB, Community & Public Health, Civil Defence, emergency planners both regional and national, Canterbury-based microbiology, infectious disease, public health and immunisation experts. Plans are available for downloading on our website.

CPRG receives **information** from the Medical Officer of Health, the Ministry of Health and CDHB and distributes practical bulletins that are relevant to primary care providers.

In an emergency CPRG supports the establishment and staffing of a primary care **Emergency Operations Centre (EOC)** to support primary care teams with logistical and practical support as well as advice.

Would you like to be more involved, or would like to know more? We can help with your business continuity or emergency planning, too. Contact us on eoc@cprg.org.nz or check out our website:

www.primaryhealthresponse.org.nz