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Attention: Practice Manager

Via email

**Funded locum support for qualifying rural general practices
Covid-19 Pandemic Emergency Roving Locums (PERL)**

Dear Practice Manager

As we approach Anzac weekend, I am pleased to share some very good news with you. The Network has just received confirmation from the Ministry of Health to fund our proposal that will enable us to provide additional support to some of New Zealand's rural general practices that are most likely to need it in the months ahead.

This new agreement with the Ministry allows us to deploy a range of locum support to help rural practices where there might not be the depth of healthcare resources to call upon during this time.

This initiative could include anyone in the practice team: GPs, NPs, Practice Nurses and Practice Managers. It is particularly targeted to the smaller rural practices that have been impacted by Covid-19 and those located in an identified cluster area or that have existing chronic workforce shortages.

We will provide this locum support for smaller rural practices for up to two weeks, it will include funding to pay for the locum, their accommodation and transport/mileage to and from the practice. However, we intend to be flexible and not limit the kind of support we might be able to provide.

While priority will be given to assist this group of practices, NZLocums welcome requests for assistance from any of our rural general practice teams.

Requests for assistance from other practices will be dealt with on a case by case basis, with the level of support available depending on the initial uptake by the target group. Each application will be considered by an Application Assessment Panel.

If this rural specific additional resource can help you, please go ahead and make your application by completing your details [HERE](#).

Your NZLocums Relationship Manager will promptly contact you to work through the details.

Thanks very much for everything you do for the health and wellbeing of your rural community.

Kind regards

Dalton Kelly
Chief Executive