# Expression of Interest (EOI)

## EOI for Consumer Applicants for the Surgical Mesh Roundtable

Manatū Hauora (Ministry of Health) is leading a surgical mesh work programme that aims to support those harmed by surgical mesh and minimise future risks to patients. As part of this programme, the Surgical Mesh Roundtable was established to provide oversight, guidance, and collaborative leadership across the workstreams arising from the Health Committee and Restorative Justice reports.

The Roundtable includes representatives from clinical colleges, regulatory bodies, and has two consumer representatives. It is chaired by the Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health and meets every two to three months via video conference.

One of our consumer representatives is stepping down and so we are seeking another consumer member to join the remaining existing consumer on the Roundtable.

The role is a governance role rather than an operational one. This person will contribute a strong consumer voice to discussions and decisions, ensuring that the programme remains people-centered, with a focus on patient safety and equitable health outcomes.

## Who we are looking for

We welcome expressions of interest from individuals who:

* Have strong consumer networks and are actively engaged in consumer advocacy or representation.
* Bring governance experience, particularly in health, disability, or public sector contexts.
* Are confident contributing to strategic discussions and representing consumer perspectives.
* Are committed to collaborative, respectful engagement with a diverse group of stakeholders.
* Do not necessarily have lived experience with surgical mesh, although an understanding of the health system and patient safety issues is beneficial.

## Role and Commitment

The consumer member will:

* Attend Roundtable meetings every two to three months (up to two hours, held virtually).
* Engage with consumer networks to share key messages and gather feedback.
* Contribute to the oversight and monitoring of the surgical mesh work programme.
* Uphold confidentiality and manage any potential conflicts of interest appropriately.

## Support and Reimbursement

Consumers will be reimbursed for their time.

Secretariat and administrative support is provided by the Ministry of Health.

Orientation and background information will be provided to support your participation.

## How to Apply

Please send your Expression of Interest and CV to spgofficeoftheddg@health.govt.nz by 5pm, 26 August 2025.

If you have any questions about the role or the Roundtable, please contact spgofficeoftheddg@health.govt.nz.