**How nurses and the public can use the infographic on surgery and risk in Aotearoa New Zealand and the perioperative mortality explorer**

**Accessible transcript**

**Visual**

**Blue text on a white background reads:** How nurses and the public can use the infographic on surgery and risk in Aotearoa New Zealand and the perioperative mortality explorer**. The Perioperative Mortality Review Committee logo appears at the bottom of the screen, which is made up of three interlocking circles in shades of blue and purple. The logo disappears and is replaced by half circles in varying shades of blue and purple, which reflect POMRC’s logo. The onscreen text changes to read: Committee member Stephanie Thomson has worked in perioperative nursing for the majority of her career.**

**Visual**

**Stephanie Thomson appears on screen. She is sitting in an office room with a noticeboard on the wall behind her. She has shoulder-length blond hair and is wearing a black blouse with a long necklace.**

Audio

Being on the mortality review committee, it's been very important to have a nursing voice. As we know, when we care for patients, whether it's looking at data or at the bedside, we are a team and we all work together and we all have impact on our patients. So being part of this Committee and being able to represent the nursing aspect of where we're looking at mortality has been very important and been a privilege to be able to be part of that team.

**Visual**

**Blue text on a white background reads: Having access to this information will help patients across Aotearoa New Zealand.**

Audio

Having data is always powerful, and the data that we've got out of the mortality review committee has had impact on the way that we look at our patients. It makes us more aware. And as nurses, it's really important we have that data as well. It's not just for the, you know, the doctors and the surgeons and the academics. It's really important for the bedside nurse to have an understanding of what this data is telling us.

**Visual**

**Blue text on a white background reads: Stephanie says the data will be a useful tool for nurses.**

Audio

One of the valuable things about the dashboard is that you can analyse the data pertinent to your area of surgical nursing and to your region. So you can — it's not — these numbers now make sense. These numbers are now relevant to you as a practitioner because they're numbers in your own area. That's very powerful and very valuable to have.

**Visual**

**Blue text on a white background reads: The infographic provides valuable information for anyone concerned about an upcoming surgery.**

Audio

If you are an actual patient that is getting a particular type of surgery, the infographic can give you very useful information on what your chances are of survival. That can be very reassuring. Some of these surgeries are scary, and if you can have as much confidence and knowledge before you go into a hospital to have a planned surgery, the better off you are. So this infographic is quite useful. It's in a nice way for everyone to be able to read it and understand and get information. It's important to have conversations with your health care team and to optimise your health. There are useful resources listed at the bottom of the infographic that can give you information on how to do this. Talking to your GP or to your surgeon, to your nursing team, they can all give you information on how best to optimise yourself in order to give you the best outcome for your surgery.

**Visual**

**The POMRC logo reappears on a white background. Beneath it is the URL** [**www.hqsc.govt.nz**](http://www.hqsc.govt.nz)**. Beneath that is the black Health Quality & Safety Commission logo (the Commission logo is made up of the words HEALTH QUALITY & SAFETY COMMISSION NEW ZEALAND in capital letters with the words Kupu Taurangi Hauora o Aotearoa in smaller italic text underneath alongside three wedges of Swiss cheese). Alongside it is the New Zealand Government logo (the NZ Government logo is made up of the coat of arms of New Zealand with the words Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa in bold letters with New Zealand Government written beneath).**