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Kia Ora Ashley

Appreciation for the work of the Ministry Team over Covid-19

We have been asked to write to you on behalf of GPNZ and the PHO Clinical Leaders Group to express our thanks and appreciation for the hard work of the Ministry team over the adventures of 2020 thus far.

Collectively we have been thrust into the thick of a situation none of us was fully prepared for and together we have not always got everything right. It has been challenging and tiring and is by no means over.

You and your team have worked tirelessly to ensure that New Zealanders are well protected, and that the system, including primary care has the information and resources it needs to get the job done. Your team has been attentive and has listened and has done their best to resolve issues as they have arisen in difficult circumstances. We can only imagine the work that has gone on behind the scenes to ensure we are in the position we are in today.

Your team continues to be responsive despite the resilience and tolerance levels around the sector being somewhat diminished and we would like to thank them all for their efforts, they do not go unnoticed.

Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourou, ka ora ai te Iwi.

Ngā mihi nui,



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