

WPQ 74281: Social workers in oncology services

Districts:	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Ashburton	1	1	1
Blenheim	1	1	1
Gisborne	1	1	2
Greymouth	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hawkes Bay	2.6	2.5	2.6
Invercargill	2	3	3
Nelson	1	2	2
New Plymouth	n/a	n/a	n/a
Porirua	5*	5*	5*
Rotorua	0	0	0
Thames	1	1	1
Timaru	1	1	1
Whakatane	0.5	0.5	0.5
Whangarei	1.5	1.5	1.5

Data extracted 20/11/24

Notes:

Rotorua: Social work team covers the entire hospital, not specifically allocated to oncology

Hawke's Bay: There are three registered social workers, one being in a role of equity navigator.

Porirua: There is a team of five social workers that work across Wellington and Kenepuru. One day a week there is one social worker specifically based at Kenepuru. From 2025, we will have one additional oncology social worker working out of Kenepuru three days a week.

Greymouth: West Coast operates a generic social work service - not limited to working with people undergoing oncology related care and treatment

New Plymouth: Social work hours not ringfenced to oncology only – estimated 0.2FTE.