



West Coast District Health Board
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ULTIMATE CARE
ALLEN BRYANT

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Allen Bryant repatriation to start

The Ultimate Care Allen Bryant facility in Hokitika plans to reopen one wing on Thursday 17 September.

West Coast District Health Board geriatrician Dr Michelle Dhanak says a panel of neutral clinicians will decide who will return to the facility first. The panel is experienced in older persons' health and panellists had been involved in the repatriation after the Canterbury Earthquakes.

"The decisions about moving residents back will be determined by both the vulnerability and needs of each resident, and the staffing requirements of the partially reopened facility," Dr Dhanak says.

All the Allen Bryant residents and their families should have been contacted this week so they understand how the process works. If you haven't heard from anyone as yet, please call the Complex Clinical Care Network during business hours (03) 768 0492 or (03) 768 0481.

The DHB is working closely with the facility's owners, the Ultimate Care Group, on the repatriation. Further residents will be moved back to their home as more of the rebuilding is completed, expected in phases over the next few months.

"We are very mindful of making sure all our decisions remain fair, minimise harm, protect the vulnerable, and that the process is transparent," Dr Dhanak says.

Ultimate Care Group Chief Executive Liza Cox-Hancy says the staff will be pleased to welcome residents back to the newly refurbished facility.

"We will of course continue to take a careful approach to resettling them back into Hokitika life. We want to reassure everyone that we are doing everything we can to get stage two and three finished as quickly as we can," she says.

If residents and their families have any questions or the condition of an Allen Bryant resident changes, please call the Complex Clinical Care Network during business hours (03) 768 0492 or (03) 768 0481

- For questions about Allen Bryant's building progress, call Allen Bryant Manager, Jill Gillman 0274 177 763
- For questions about funding or travel, please contact Simon Burges-Short, clinical manager social work (03) 769 7400 extn 2825.