

Midland Network Days



Second Midland Network Day

7 November 2006

Feedback

"Lots of information to reflect on and bring back to the team."

"Valuable to be exposed to other ways of thinking and to network."

"Interesting, informative, will continue to come."

"Good speakers. Good refresher. Time to reflect on some of the everyday aspects of leadership!"

These comments are some of the 24 managers / leaders who attended the second Midland Network Day. It appears we got the formula right, though we've always got improvement ideas.

The Lakeside Novotel, Rotorua was again the ideal venue for the event, affording a great room, a conducive environment and delicious food.

We were honoured to have Eru George, Pou Herenga and Cathy Cooney, CEO, both from Lakes DHB opening the event. They are keen supporters of the Midland Network Day and very enthusiastic to be involved.

Three key sessions were spread through the day. They all were scored highly, with the standout session being 'Leadership in Health: Lessons from the NHS' presented by Malcolm Stamp, the new CEO at Waikato DHB. Malcolm has two passions – good healthcare and Manchester United Football Club, and somehow manages to combine the two, even in his presentations.

'Developing Mental Toughness' is an appealing topic, perhaps because we work in a complex, bureaucratic industry that requires enormous resilience. In what time we had, tools were explained that would assist us to survive!

Having our own values in line with the organisation's values, makes for a productive work environment. Sarah Strong, Career Development Advisor at the Bay of Plenty District Health Board, lead us through a workbook defining our own values and checking that they are in line with our organisation's.

Organisers know that a good day has been had when attendees don't rush out to leave at the end and continue to chat on the way out. And that's exactly what happened!