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I have been in leadership roles at FOCUS since 2005 and am currently the manager of this service. During my years at FOCUS, I have been part of a team that has developed and implemented a single place for referrers to access short or long term support and community services. Prior to FOCUS, I was employed by Older Persons NASC, Southland DHB.

FOCUS completes NASC functions for Older Persons Health, MoH Disability Support Services (DSS) Client Group, Long Term Support – Chronic Health Conditions (LTS-CHC), Mental Health NASC and others that may require this service. As our funders (DHB and MoH) have differing models in place for their client groups, we face the challenge of how to operationalize these models. It's vital that we keep learning from each other so we can recognise the gaps, the overlaps and share examples of good practice. If our systems could appear or be more integrated, a person could move more easily and seamlessly from one funder to another and joint arrangements could be common place.

I was part of the original advisory group for Socrates and the national group defining and preparing Interim Funding Pool (IFP) for devolution to DHBs. My interest lies in people, all disability types, systems and processes. I have not been on the executive before and am keen to learn and share.