



## Board Candidates 2020

As an Incorporated Society our [constitution](#) provides for six Board members to be elected by the NZHIT membership. Elected Board members hold their position for a two-year term that ends at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in which their second year falls due. There is a rotation process in place (to ensure governance continuity) that has three elected positions become available each year. Those Board members whose two-year terms are ending at the 2020 AGM are entitled to put themselves forward for the current nomination and voting process.

NZHIT Board membership is a voluntary role and all Board members contribute to the success of the organisation. They represent the membership and work in the interests of members, stakeholders and the health sector.

NZHIT being a member led organisation, in making a nomination and voting we encourage all members to consider the diversity (size, geography, ethnicity, age, gender) of our members and the health tech sector. This is important to strengthen both our thinking and decision making.

More information about NZHIT's diversity policy, constitution and nomination form can be [found here](#).

Having called for nominations from NZHIT Members the following are the nominees who are putting themselves forward for the 2020 election process. The three successful nominees will be announced at the NZHIT AGM to be held towards the end of 2020 (exact date, time and venue to be confirmed).

To find out more about each nominee please take the time to read through their profiles that follow in this document. Nominations closed at 5pm on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September.

### **Voting Process:**

- The electronic voting process commences on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October 2020 (voting closes at 5pm on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November).
- The key contacts of NZHIT member entities (as defined in the constitution) are entitled to cast their vote to select no more than three of the nominees.
- The three successful nominees will be named at the AGM to be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2020.

The three Board members with one year remaining of their 2-year term are –

- Ross Peat, Executive Director and Co-owner, HealthSoft/RxOne
- Russell Craig, Chief Technology Officer, Microsoft NZ
- Tony Wai, CFO & Head of Corporate Services, ProCare Limited

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*Candidates listed in alphabetical order by first name*

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[Chris Borton](#)  
**Health Lead**  
**Amazon Web Services**  
**Wellington, New Zealand**  
[LinkedIn Profile](#)



I have a passion for community, health, family, mountain biking and well-being. This led me to my current role with Amazon Web Services (AWS) as the New Zealand (NZ) Health Lead and a member of the NZ AWS Public Sector Leadership team.

Based in Wellington, I work across several health organisations, public sector agencies, policy makers and have an extensive business network. During the first lockdown, I led the AWS team who partnered with the Ministry of Health on the National Close Contact Tracing System and COVID Tracer app.

Along with my 20+ years of working with customers and citizens on how technology supports our communities, I believe NZHIT is the right organisation to support the development of digital health skills, foster equity and diversity within the tech sector and bring energy to the role with the one focus, Healthy New Zealanders - *Te Iwi Hauora*

[David Howden \(MinstD\)](#)  
**Head of Cloud**  
**Umbrellar**  
**Auckland, New Zealand**  
[LinkedIn Profile](#)



David is part of the executive team at Umbrellar (Microsoft Partner of the Year) who provide, distribute and manage cloud solutions built on Microsoft Cloud technology.

As a leader in the Digital Transformation of New Zealand, David strategically owns and manages the risk and opportunity of technology disruption across Umbrellar's network of customers, partners, vendors and affiliates (NZHIT being one of them).

David's key strength is keeping the business owner's and stakeholders aware of the dramatic change in technology adoption and creating tangible disruption opportunities, which he sees as vital to the long-term success of the NZ inc.

David brings a unique perspective based on his deep experience in Enterprise, Government, and Public Sector adoption of 'Cloud' across Infrastructure, Data & AI, Automation, Machine Learning and Modern workplace productivity tooling.

He has a love of technology, especially how technology impacts the lives of people for the better, solves problems, saves lives and keeps us all connected. David actively leads in this industry because

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technology, be it Cloud, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning or IoT, when used and implemented correctly, dramatically improves businesses, lives and economies.

With over 19-years operational, steering committee and commercial experience, governing engineering technology strategies in some of the largest IT and telecommunications companies in the world, David has a reputation for ring leading commercially viable game-changing implementations of technology, monetising and productising platforms and motivating teams for technology transformation.

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### **[Dr Diana Siew](#)**

#### **Strategic Partnerships**

#### **MedTech Centre of Research Excellence**

#### **Auckland Bioengineering Institute**

#### **Auckland, New Zealand**

#### **[LinkedIn Profile](#)**



Diana's super-power is connecting people to initiate new opportunities in the medtech space. Her career in the research industry covers strategy, science management and technology translation. She is presently the Strategic Partnerships Lead at the Auckland Bioengineering Institute.

Diana co-founded the Consortium for Medical Device Technologies (CMDT), a national industry-research network and is an Associate Director of the MedTech Centre of Research Excellence (MedTech CoRE), NZ's translational medtech research platform. She has been instrumental in the development and implementation of several initiatives for the healthtech sector in collaboration with other stakeholders.

Over the last two years, the CMDT co-founded Women in HealthTech to help women build their networks and career, and the Healthtech Activator programme to support health start-ups accelerate and scale. The programme is now led by Callaghan Innovation and Diana sits on its Advisory Board. With TIN, Diana co-developed the 2020 NZ Healthtech Insights Report - the first curating and showcasing NZ's growing healthtech sector and the ecosystem. She is now working on a Trans-Tasman BioBridge to connect the Australian and NZ healthtech ecosystems and create new opportunities for research and businesses in innovation, technology translation and investment.

Diana sits on the Return on Science Medical Devices Investment Committee, and is a longtime advisor to medical devices and digital health start-ups. She is Director of Toku Eyes, an ophthalmology AI start-up. She served on the NZHiT Board previously and is running for election again as she would like to more impactfully connect NZHiT members to the initiatives in progress.

The digital health industry is vibrant, innovative and growing. Diana is keen to understand what she can do to support this industry more effectively with her connections, knowledge and expertise. There is also potential to establish more partnerships between MedTech CoRE research with this industry.

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## **Faustin Roman**

**Director**

**Medical IT Advisors**

**Auckland, New Zealand**

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Faustin founded Medical IT Advisors in 2016 and is now the trusted go-to New Zealand cybersecurity partner for many health organisations and NZHIT members, focusing on cybersecurity, digital transformation and innovation in health. He is also acting as vCIO and vCISO for many organisations, most notably Patients First, as well as Director and Board member of AlterSec, next-gen managed security service provider.

His international experience has included senior roles across the New Zealand and Australian health, building an innovative cancer center in Vienna, Austria, and prototyping medical data federation across Europe (nHIP on steroids) as a Marie Curie fellow at CERN, Switzerland (“where the web was born”). He will bring over 20 years of experience from governance and IT management to emerging technologies, Blockchain, AI and IoT, and his passion for the health community, privacy and security.

Faustin worked with the NZHIT CEO in 2018 to create the “Cybersecurity and Privacy Industry Working Group”, he chaired the group for the following year, with the group now evolved into the Digital Enablers in Health Industry Group ([DEHIG](#)).

Faustin has a rare mix of business, technical and research knowledge, required for any board to navigate post-Covid challenges, take on innovation opportunities and manage risks like cybersecurity. He is an active participant within the NZHIT membership and promotes NZHIT’s vision, goals and shared community actions, engaging all stakeholders with education and advisory on cybersecurity, telehealth and digital enablers.

Faustin is trusted by NZHIT partners and has a proven track record in representing the values and interests of the members and stakeholders.

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## **Dr Graeme Benny**

**Chair and Director of several private and public sector organisations, including Leecare Pty, Auramer Bio Ltd, the NZ Accreditation Council, Ako Aotearoa and the NZ Home and Community Healthcare Association  
Wellington, New Zealand**

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Graeme trained in clinical biochemistry and clinical microbiology at Auckland University. While clinical biochemistry/microbiology was his first and enduring clinical passion he very quickly moved from clinical research into executive management in the NZ public hospital system.

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His career then spanned significant periods as a senior executive (CEO, COO, GM) in both public and private sector organisations, in human and animal pharmaceuticals and therapeutics, the human biotech industry, our public hospitals, Counties Manukau and Auckland District Health Boards, the New Zealand Blood Service and the New Zealand Defence Force.

In the central government role as Director/CE of Health Workforce New Zealand (part of the Ministry of Health) he observed first-hand the substantial challenges that exist in matching the capabilities of the IT sector with the needs of the clinical healthcare sectors. Technology has the potential to not only reduce costs in healthcare, but remove inefficiencies, improve healthcare quality and reduce errors. In 2020, even given all the varied and disparate IT initiatives that have been undertaken in the past across NZ, much of this potential is still unrealised.

Graeme is currently Chair and Director of several private and public sector organisations, including Leecare Pty, Auramer Bio Ltd, the NZ Accreditation Council, Ako Aotearoa and the NZ Home and Community Healthcare Association. Graeme has a passion for the health sector and many years' experience of both the 'excellent' and the 'needs improvement' elements of our current health systems. His primary professional interests include improving health management processes and systems and implementation and integration of novel IT applications to healthcare for both the public and private sectors of our health systems.

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## **Harry Hawke**

**Chief Executive Officer**

**Webtools Health**

**Christchurch, New Zealand**

**[LinkedIn Profile](#)**



Harry Hawke is CEO of Webtools Health, a leading IT partner proudly focused on developing disruptive and innovative tech solutions for the health sector since 2015. Harry has a B.Com in Strategy and a PG Dip. in Management. Prior to joining Webtools, Harry was part of Hewlett Packard's global cloud strategy team.

Harry is excited to represent the next generation of leaders and consumers of healthcare in NZ. Clients of Webtools Health include healthcare providers and IT industry partners with applications and integrations spanning across a diverse range of touchpoints that includes telehealth, private hospital/specialists, aged care, GP/primary care, pharmacy & medication, public hospitals, allied health and wellness providers. Harry is passionate about researching and implementing the latest tech including FHIR APIs, IoT, Blockchain and AI.

Having been elected to the NZHIT Board in 2018 and serving his two-year term, Harry has gained first-hand experience at representing member's interests and contributing to the future direction of the organisation and the sector. He is standing for election again as he wishes to continue making this contribution as he is a strong advocate for collaboration & partnership within the health IT sector.

Harry wants to help NZHIT grow its platform and community, tackling key challenges together and exploiting the latest technology available to solve key issues. Harry brings to the Board real-world

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experience and perspective of the challenges and opportunities that exist when developing and deploying new tech into the health sector.

Awesome stuff is happening down in Crusader country and Harry is keen to influence the expansion of NZHIT's presence and membership in Canterbury and wider South Island regions. He is clearly a passionate Cantabrian who is an active member of the rapidly growing Canterbury technology sector as well as wanting to contribute at a national level to quality health outcomes for all New Zealanders.

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### **Ian McCrae**

**Chief Executive Officer**

**Orion Health, Auckland, New Zealand**

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Ian was fortunate, 28 years ago, to be in on the ground floor of a decade of rampant healthcare IT innovation that took New Zealand from having a handful of antiquated IBM 3270 terminals capturing very rudimentary admission information, to leading the world. There was very effective collaboration between vendors (often competitors), providers, central government, standards bodies – essentially everyone – and this is what can be achieved in a country like New Zealand.



Today COVID-19 has upended everything with patients increasingly wanting the right healthcare (often via telehealth), at the right time (when they feel sick), and in the right place (probably in their home). This is simply catching up with what other sectors, such as banks, airlines and online retailers, already provide. So once again New Zealand can lead in the next transformation of healthcare delivery and do things that other countries could never imagine.

The similar situation we had 20 years ago drove the formation of the original NZ Health IT Cluster, and the opportunity we now have in front of us is what has drawn Ian back to again putting his name forward for the NZHIT board. Ian believes we can pull together local industry partners, multinationals, providers, central government and others to agree to opening up New Zealand health so that all organisations – both large and particularly small – can deliver to the new range of applications that consumers will increasingly demand.

In my opinion health will, over the next five to ten years, move away from being the domain of providers and will finally become patient-centric. We as patients (which starts to happen more when you get past 60) will want all sorts of new data added to our records. Information such as activity, diet, genomic risk, IoT data, social determinants of health, and much, much more.

Ian believes NZHIT could have a leadership in this change and success needs to be measured in the new applications, start-ups and export-worthy solutions that are created, as well as the healthcare improvements and better access patients have to their own records.

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This is an opportunity New Zealand can lead or watch others take. For further information on Ian's past roles, publications (the Antarctic Ice Shelf research is a good read,) articles, and so on, see [my LinkedIn profile](#).

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### **[Kate Quirke](#)**

**Managing Director and CEO**

**Alcidion Group Limited**

**Melbourne, Australia**

**[LinkedIn Profile](#)**



Kate Quirke is Managing Director and CEO of Alcidion, an ASX listed company focussed on delivering smart, interoperable data and technology solutions to healthcare in Australia, New Zealand and the UK.

Kate has been involved in the delivery of healthcare technology in NZ for many years. Whilst based in Australia, Alcidion has a development and support team located in Auckland that focus specifically on Patientrack and Smartpage support across all three geographies.

Kate has many years working with the key stakeholders involved in healthcare including government sector and healthcare providers, as well as in partnership with many other healthcare IT suppliers demonstrating the best way to achieve positive outcomes is through collaboration and partnership.

As the CEO of a listed company Kate has exposure to the investment community and understands the business environment in which companies are operating in this challenging environment. She is a strong supporter of the importance of diversity in business and creating opportunity for meaningful and flexible working environments for all employees.

Kate has been a member of NZHIT for many years and is extremely supportive of the work that the CEO and the Board have done to create a forum for the Healthcare Information technology community and she would welcome an opportunity to represent the members of NZHIT on the Board.

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### **[Kate Reid](#)**

**Director of Digital Health**

**Deloitte NZ**

**Auckland, New Zealand**

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Kate believes there has never been a better time for our vibrant industry network to build on recent successes and advance Digital Health following the recent COVID-19 pandemic. We have seen

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organisations who were further along their journey to migrating services to the cloud, in a strong position to enable remote working and rapid crisis response.

Without a doubt digitising the way we deliver healthcare, is becoming the norm, and our NZHIT members are more relevant than ever. We have seen adoption of telehealth, virtual care, ePrescribing and eOrdering, and Kate is focussed on ensuring we do not lose the momentum gained.

The NZ HealthTech Opportunities Report will outline key areas of opportunity and challenges we must together overcome for New Zealand to potentially become one of the most innovative and revered health systems in the world. Kate remains as motivated as ever, to continue to create a collaborative and connected healthcare ecosystem and work with industry and sector partners to move at pace. COVID-19 has removed the concept of borders and Kate believes this is the time for our NZ Health IT sector organisations to 'Thrive', not only here in NZ but also abroad.

Kate is well versed in supporting small and large NZ organisations given previous roles with Orion Health and Atlantis Healthcare. Kate is a Director for Precision Driven Health, the first government supported health and technology research partnership driving the commercialisation of NZ Health IT innovation providing a platform for NZ companies on the world stage. She is one of the representatives of the NZHIT membership on the Australian New Zealand Leadership Forum Health Technology working group, accelerating Trans-Tasman collaboration. Kate is part of Women in Health Tech, to support diversity across the Health IT sector working collaboratively with NZHIT, MTANZ and MedTechCore. Kate is currently Director of Digital Health at Deloitte NZ working with healthcare clients to deliver innovative, cost-effective ways to deliver patient-centred, technology enabled health care.

Kate was elected onto the NZHIT Board in 2014 and during her time representing members more recently as the NZHIT Chair, she has had the privilege of meeting and working alongside our growing membership. She would love to serve another term, representing member to continue the great work we have started together.

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### **[Kelly Van Wieren](#)**

**General Manager Application and Support Services**

**Fraame Healthcare**

**Christchurch, New Zealand**

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Kelly has been part of Fraame Healthcare's team since the company commenced operations in 2005 and started in an Application Support and Development role, before moving into a senior management role as the company has expanded.



### **Kelly Van Wieren continued....**

Fraame Healthcare is a specialist health technology company and foundation member of NZHIT, which develops Case Management and Compliance solutions for a range of

Healthcare organisations, primarily focussed in the Community, Disability Support, Aged care and Non-Government Health sectors.

Kelly leads the innovation and service delivery programme, which continues to develop and enhance our web/Microsoft centric solutions, to meet provider organisations changing business practises and IT requirements. Prior to working for Fraame Healthcare, Kelly worked for over 15 years at Northland DHB and Canterbury DHB in clinical support and administrative roles.

Kelly is enthusiastic about finding the right solutions for each of the wonderful provider organisations that we work with, by forming meaningful relationships and being able to deliver a high-end product and solution. She believes in developing strong inter-relationships within her client community to share ideas and form support networks.

She is experienced in working with Interns from the College of Health Sciences at UC and helping them transition to meet the challenges of software development and deliveries, along with developing and mentoring a team of client focussed professionals, based in our various development and support centre locations in Auckland, Sydney and Christchurch.

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### **Paul Hirst**

#### **Director**

#### **Wild Bamboo and Wise Management Services**

#### **Melbourne, Australia**

#### **[LinkedIn Profile](#)**

Paul is a Director of Wild Bamboo and Wise Management Services, two Hamilton-based mental health solution and service providers. He is also the CEO of Medtasker, which develops the hospital task management solution used by Whanganui DHB.



Since cutting his teeth on projects at MidCentral Health in the 90's, Paul has delivered health technology solutions in acute, aged, disability, community, mental health, Aboriginal Medical Service and government settings. His former roles include COO and Executive General Manager of HealthConnex at Telstra Health and CEO of Health IQ.

In addition to health technology, his governance experience spans youth development (Awards Victoria), community resource centres (Neighbourhood House), finance (a local community bank) and education (Australian Institute of Management Academic Board).

Paul has an MBA, MSc, a Grad Diploma in Health Informatics and is a current member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, Institute of Managers and Leaders and the Health Informatics Society of Australia.

Paul is dedicated to the application of technology to improve the delivery of health care. There remain so many opportunities to impact care, quality, efficiency and patient outcomes through access to

## **Paul Hirst continued....**

systems and information, not to mention the benefits available from increasing our population's technical literacy and capability.

He is driven by making a difference to how patients and workers experience health care in Aotearoa. His trans-Tasman experience has given him a greater appreciation of our relatively integrated health

system, which allows a greater focus on maximising the value of existing systems and investments. Paul believes that huge positive change can be unlocked through increased interoperability and the development of personalised services through surfacing health data as actionable information.

Paul understands the drivers of small and large health tech providers and would relish the opportunity to represent the interests of all NZHIT members within government and industry.

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## **Tureia Moxon**

**CEO**

**Whānau Tahī Navigator**

**Auckland, New Zealand**

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Tureia Moxon is of Ngāti Kahungunu descent, is a strong advocate for Whānau Ora and believes that positive change can be achieved by empowering our people to fulfil their aspirations.

He is currently the CEO of Whānau Tahī Navigator. Whānau Tahī is a social enterprise which provides a human-centered case management solution that remove communications barriers, eliminates duplication of efforts, and empowers practitioners and whānau alike.



Guided by Māori principles of Whānau Ora, or “family well-being”, the team from Whānau Tahī have worked with social service agencies and the government for over 30 years to develop an integrated case management solution that is built on a family-centric philosophy.

Whānau Tahī puts individuals back in control of their own journey of well-being helping them cultivate whānau-driven outcomes and fuelling long- term systemic change. Agencies and service providers can easily track the progress of the people they serve and more effectively measure their impact. This allows them to do more with the resources they already have. Whānau Tahī believe that health and social services providers need to change their perception of underserved whānau. They are not a problem to be solved, instead they are a community of individuals to be developed.

Whānau Tahī offer a range of databases to multiple entities in New Zealand, Australia and the United States and offer programmes such as NZePS, Socrates, Connected Care and Navigator under the one Whānau Tahī platform. Tureia is a Board Member for the North Island Whānau Ora Commissioning Agency, Board Member for the MedTech Core and a Board Member for Social Value Aotearoa.

### **Tureia Moxon continued....**

He has worked in the health and IT sector for over a decade and has a keen understanding of Whānau Ora practices, outcome measurement and data analytics. He is passionate about creating long term sustainable change for our people and believes that this can be achieved by working collaboratively and putting whānau at the centre of everything that we do.

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### **Vidhya Makam**

**COO**

**Mycare**

**Auckland, New Zealand**

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Vidhya believes that technology in the hands of our consumers, enabling self-direction and simplifying access and choice is not just the way of the future, but needs to be our NOW!

The challenges of Covid-19 and the lockdown has given us the much-needed impetus to quickly move forward in this direction.



We, NZ Health IT are now at an enviable position of being able to maximise on the new norm that we have embraced and lead the way as an innovative health system in the world.

Successful digital solutions rely on well-orchestrated transformation of people and processes that underpin them, and this requires collaboration and strong partnerships based on mutual trust and respect and with a common focus of better health and wellbeing outcomes for all New Zealanders.

Throughout her tenure in the NZ Health space, Vidhya has been fortunate enough to work across public and private sectors spanning secondary, primary care and community care organisations which gives her a first-hand appreciation of the spectrum of challenges and therefore the opportunities that exist.

Vidhya is passionate about Health IT and the use of technology to improve efficiency and effectiveness of health care delivery with a focus on overall health and wellbeing outcomes. She brings extensive experience in growing organisations having been part of the establishment of Whanau Tahi and now in her role at Mycare.

Vidhya has a strong belief in the value of collaboration and partnership and wants to work with NZHIT members in shaping and influencing the NZ digital health journey. Her real-life experiences from the social and community perspective are extensive and Vidhya would love to work with the wider NZHIT network to make a difference collaboratively.

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## **Will Barnett**

**Head of Strategy**

**Aceso Health**

**Christchurch, New Zealand**

**[LinkedIn Profile](#)**



Will is founder and head of strategy at Aceso Health, a technology company that works with major public and private health providers across New Zealand and Australia to reduce the complexities of the healthcare system.

He has significant hands on experience in complex technological applications in health and science throughout his career. Will was responsible for the design of 1CHART by Tonic; now being used by nurses, GPs, community care and aged care providers across New Zealand to administer over 3.4 million medicines to patients each month.

Further in his career, Will was also global product manager for Change Healthcare, where he oversaw the product design and management of their capacity planning solution used by hospitals in New Zealand, Australia, Canada and the US.

He is passionate about reducing the inequities in access to healthcare across New Zealand using technology. Community focused wellness and care spearheaded by a real focus on outcomes and long-term sustainability is a focal point for Will. He comes from a practical background and understands the challenges that SMEs and public health providers face.

Will's hands-on experience with healthtech businesses, large and small, in New Zealand and overseas, has equipped him with a unique lens on the risks and rewards of the healthtech business landscape. He appreciates the benefits of collaboration and partnerships, driven by empathy and collective vision.

Having worked globally, Will has a good understanding of new technology trends in healthcare. He believes NZHIT's interoperability approach is the only way forward for New Zealand and requires new ideas and collaboration between industry partners for us to succeed.

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