

Permanent Secretary: Mrs Jane Dawson



Jane currently works as the Director of Health Policy for the New Zealand Defence Force. She is responsible for the team that has the role of the development, maintenance and management of all health policy within this organisation. This includes the legal provision of all pharmaceutical services within the NZDF and as such has a wide-ranging scope of practice. Prior to joining the NZDF, 27 years ago, she was a part-time tutor at the Central Institute of Technology, School of Pharmacy for six years and for six years prior to that was a hospital pharmacist, based at Dunedin and Wellington Hospitals in New Zealand and Addenbrookes Hospital in Cambridge, England.

Her career with the military has been distinguished with the award of a Chief of General Staff Commendation for outstanding work. In 2010 she was awarded a Fellowship of the Pharmaceutical Society of New Zealand, and in 2015 Jane was awarded an FIP Fellowship.