

NZ Home Health Association Conference – Day One

I've got good news and bad news -
The good news is that
The 23 funding providers
Have got solutions
To some of your problems.
The bad news is that
They can't tell you about them
Within the two months
You'll be sitting on the toilet,
During which time
There'll be 29 audits
Of what you do
That other people won't do.

There are urban issues
And rural isolation issues
And there's a 24% differential
In those issues,
Which is 2/5 of 5/8 of Fanny Adams.
And Buddy Holly and Jack Johnson
And William Shakespeare and Sam Hunt
Want to row their own boat
And that boat is bigger than Nae Nae.
And the large unregulated and untrained workforce
Is lost in the machinations of the Ministry,
Finding things before they are lost.

Hello there! Do enjoy your journey,
With your shorts and your hairy chest,
Through the stinging nettles.
If you're bald in front, you're a thinker -
If you're bald in back, you're developing
A health and safety policy on
Changing the fluorescent light bulbs
In the too-hard basket
And your policy is the only one
With a naked man on the back.

I'm sure that Tony can comment.
Tony, tell us the thoughts that surround you,
We want to look inside your head.
People ask Tony's wife,
“Is he always like this?”
And she says, “Boom boom hello!
He's got really long arms!
He's been able to keep people in the same room.”
But there's an elephant in that room -
An elephant, 30 cats and 15,000 teddy bears.

Don't try to put new wine into old people.

Put your hand up if Nana told you that.
The tough old birds and the baby-boomers
Are still drinking and still taking drugs
And no-one's asking where the money came from.
But 34 non-complex clients are asking,
“How do I become the number one speaker
In the Hutt Valley DHB?”
And, “Are you qualified?”
And, “Have you ever been to an art gallery?”
And, “Who wants to go down to the art gallery
When you haven't had a shower?”
And, “Have you included travel time?”
And, “What is it reasonable for family members
To provide by way of consistent pricing models?”

I could go on for hours and tradeable hours,
But here's an action plan for you:
Dig deeper in the funding silos;
Love the minutes;
Turn the radio off and go to bed
With a happy feeling in your tummy;
Don't get lost in the lavender blues -
Because you are lauded and applauded and supported.
Give yourself a package of care.
You can do it.
You are many people's sunshine.
We're all in this together.

Ian Harcourt – 2008.