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Rural communities to pay for DHB mismanagement

Southern DHB management are making rural communities pay for their own (managerial) poor performance, following a proposed 5% funding cut to rural services in Southland and Otago.

Rural hospitals in the region punch above their weight in delivering essential services closer to the patient, Dr Powell of the NZ Resident Doctors Association says.

“Unfortunately, due to the poor management of the DHB, these services and their communities are now facing an indiscriminate funding cut that could threaten their very viability.

Powell says is time for management of the DHB to take responsibility for their own failings and stop pushing the buck, or lack of it, down to those who actually deliver the service.

“Instead, maybe it is senior management who should get the chop, rather than services the staff provide to their local communities,” Dr Powell says.

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