Updating the New Zealand Health Strategy

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Why update the NZ Health Strategy?

Demand from the sector for a clearer sense of direction and priorities

The current strategy was released in 2000

The population health goals of ensuring benefit for all New Zealanders and tackling inequities are still relevant

....but a lot has changed and we need to address the challenges we face now
Challenges Old and New

• Changing demographics – people are living longer

• Burden of disease – people are living longer in poor health as well as good health and living with multiple long-term conditions

• Changing technology and medicines – with potentially huge benefits, but also with significant costs

• Consumer expectations – more expected from health and other public services

• Continuing fiscal constraint – not just in New Zealand but around the world

• Continuing disparities – persistent differences in outcome and access for some populations

• A push for a new way of working with others eg joining up with education, housing, welfare to meet people’s needs and improve their lives
Working Vision

We are a 21st century health and disability system that operates as one,

Focuses on wellbeing and prevention, and is people centred.

We use our skills and resources in the best ways to

Support all New Zealanders
to live well, stay well, get well.
Themes That Have Emerged So Far

• We build our future by investing in our children and families
• We build our systems around people’s lives & support them to live well
• We treat people as active partners in their health & well-being
• We think and operate as a single system in a high trust environment with clear accountability
• We nurture & invest in leadership & capability throughout the system
• We are committed to spreading innovation & improvement
• We make intelligent use of technology information to support healthcare