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Strategy Cabinet Committee: All of Government health targets

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Details of meeting: 20 August 2024

Cabinet Committee: Strategy Cabinet Committee (STR)

Purpose of meeting/ proposal/advice: STR discussion on the plan to meet All of Government Targets 1 and 2, outlined in four slides (appendix 1):

- shorter stays in ED
- shorter wait times for elective treatment

Comment/ Summary:

- On 20 August 2024, STR will discuss the two All of Government (AoG) health targets. These are:
 - Shorter stays in emergency departments (EDs) – 95% of patients to be admitted, discharged, or transferred from an emergency department within six hours.
 - Shorter wait times for elective treatment – 95% of people wait less than four months for elective treatment.
- While the agenda item will only be 30 minutes long, it is likely that there will be an expectation that the material and key messages communicated sets out for STR:
 - the challenge – i.e., what the current situation is and the drivers that lead to this.
 - a feasible plan for reducing time spent in EDs and elective treatment waiting lists to achieve the targets and milestones set by the Government.
 - risks and trade-offs, and steps to mitigate them (e.g., balancing measures to offset risk of unintended consequences from a focus on specific targets).
- Feedback from the Officials Strategy Committee on 9 August suggests other discussion areas at STR may include:

- how blueprint actions are being phased and prioritised (i.e. which things are happening first and relative impact of different initiatives)
- how Health New Zealand performance will be monitored by the Ministry and the Commissioner of Health New Zealand
- what levers and interventions are available both to ensure progress towards the targets can be monitored and reported on, and actions changed if we are not on track for the targets and their respective milestones.
- A3s which summarise the plan to meet the AOG health targets have been lodged with the Cabinet Office (via CabNet) to support you in your conversation at STR.
- The Director-General of the Ministry of Health and both the Commissioner and Chief Executive of Health New Zealand will be present to support you.
- Suggested talking points have been prepared to support you at STR.



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Talking points for STR

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Appendix 1: Government Targets 1 & 2 – Shorter stays in ED and shorter wait times for elective treatment

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(Appendix 1 A3s are published separately here: <https://www.health.govt.nz/information-releases/cabinet-and-briefing-material-targets-1-2-shorter-stays-in-emergency-departments-and-shorter-wait>)