

## Context for current primary care papers

<b>Due to MO:</b>	1 May 2025	<b>Reference</b>	HNZ00086611
<b>To:</b>	Hon Simeon Brown, Minister of Health		
<b>From:</b>	Jason Power, Acting National Director, Planning Funding and Outcomes		
<b>Copy to:</b>	n/a		
<b>Security level:</b>	In Confidence	<b>Priority</b>	Urgent
<b>Consulted</b>	n/a		
<b>Proactive Release:</b>	This title is proposed by Health NZ for proactive release		

### Contact for further discussion (if required)

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### Attachments

Appendix 1: HNZ Lead Primary Care Actions A3

## Purpose

1. This aide-mémoire provides you with context to support your review of three primary care papers – 24/7 digital service, urgent care, and enhanced capitation – that you have received for review and decision this week.

## Discussion

2. New Zealand needs an accessible primary care system that is focused on delivering timely and quality health services and supports the sustainability of the health system over the long term.
3. In March, Cabinet approved the recommendations in your paper *Delivering Quality and Timely Primary Care: Next Steps and Implementation* to ensure that all New Zealanders can access primary care when they need it in ways that meet their preferences. The goals of this plan are to:
  - a) Grow and retain the primary care workforce with improved career pathways.
  - b) Get people faster access to care through the introduction of a new 24/7 digital primary care service.
  - c) Increase access to sustainable after-hours and urgent care services.
  - d) Incentivise GP providers to provide timely access to high-quality care.
4. Alongside this paper, you have received three papers that require your review or decision to advance actions in the plan. The table below outlines these papers and their relationship to the Primary Care Tactical Action Plan (PCTAP) and other Cabinet decisions. Appendix 1 provides an overview of the full programme for reference.

Paper	Purpose / decision sought	Relevant action
HNZ00083434: Update on progress for launch of digital 24/7 service	Approval to go-live with Phase 1 Test Period	PCTAP Action 5: Digital Access to Primary Care
HNZ00084168: Implementation plan for delivery of urgent care changes	Advice on implementation concerns, and mitigating actions, to foster community support, ensure that no community sees reduced services, and that expanded coverage is well articulated  No decisions required.	PCTAP Action 6: More Consistent delivery of urgent and after-hours care
HNZ00084571: Enhanced Capitation: Implementation options	Requests your preferences for implementing enhanced capitation.  Seeks your approval to fund comprehensive primary care teams.  Seeks your endorsement of proposal for using planned care funding.	Performance-based capitation funding

## Appendix 1:

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