

Developing Health Strategies for the reformed health system

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The Pae Ora Act

- On 1 July 2022, the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act came into effect bringing about the changes in our system we see today.
- The Act established Te Whatu Ora | Health NZ, Te Aka Whai Ora | the Māori Health Authority and Whaikaha | the Ministry of Disabled People.
- This legislation means we now have the structural framework to support a smarter, fairer health system.
- It has laid the foundations for improving health outcomes, tackling inequity and honouring our obligations to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
- The Act requires the development of six strategies to set the system direction to achieve Pae Ora. We call them the Pae Ora strategies.

Pae Ora Health Strategies - healthy futures

- The Pae Ora strategies will set the medium and long-term direction for health.
- They will inform Government and Te Whatu Ora decisions on the priorities and objectives for the health system.
- The six strategies are:
 - The New Zealand Health Strategy,
 - The Hauora Māori Strategy,
 - The Health of Disabled People Strategy,
 - The Pacific Peoples Health Strategy,
 - The Rural Health Strategy and
 - The Women's Health Strategy



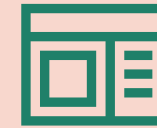
What will the strategies do?



Assess the current state of health outcomes and system performance



Describe trends & future state – the desired whānau outcomes



Set out opportunities and priorities for improvement

- The Pae Ora Act:
- requires us to develop the strategies
 - establishes a clear role and status for them within the system
 - requires all health entities to consider them when making decisions.

This is an important change.

It connects the strategies to the actions and decisions needed to make change happen.

Putting equity at the centre of the system

- In Aotearoa New Zealand, people have differences in health that are not only avoidable but unfair and unjust. Our health system had become complex and fragmented.
- The changes to the health care system will improve access to healthcare on the basis of need for all New Zealanders so fewer people get sick and need to go to hospital.
- They will improve access to healthcare based on need for all New Zealanders, no matter who they are, where they're from, or where they live.
- Equity recognises different people with different levels of advantage require different approaches and resources to get equitable health outcomes.



Building on past conversations

- These engagements are not starting from scratch - the strategies will build on what people have shared so far about how the health system can be better.
- The Ministry is undertaking analysis of past engagements and consultations to ensure they are reflecting what they have already heard and are building on it.
- There are also existing health strategies and other direction-setting documents which will inform the Pae Ora strategies.



Next steps

- Insights gathered from this event will be added to the Pae Ora strategy evidence base used to develop the strategies.
- If you have further thoughts and ideas you wish to share with us:
 - you can add them to Tātou, our online discussion space. Visit [Tatou.health.govt.nz](https://tatou.health.govt.nz)
 - you can also join us on social media at [Oū huatau hauora | Your thoughts on health](#)
 - you can email us at strategies@health.govt.nz
- The Pae Ora strategies are expected to be published in July 2023.