



Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

Minute of Decision

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Review of Well Child Tamariki Ora: Findings and Next Steps

Portfolio Associate Health (Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall)

On 14 April 2021, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee:

- 1 **noted** that Well Child Tamariki Ora (WCTO) is New Zealand's key programme supporting the health, development and wellbeing of all tamariki from birth to five years, and their whānau;
- 2 **noted** that in October 2018, Cabinet noted that the Ministry of Health was to review and redesign WCTO and invited the Minister of Health to report back with the final review report [CAB-18-MIN-0515.02];
- 3 **noted** that a review of WCTO (the Review) was undertaken by the Ministry of Health in 2019 and 2020 and the review report on the findings will be published on the Ministry of Health website;
- 4 **noted** that short-term improvements are being progressed to sustain and strengthen the current delivery of WCTO including actions to:
 - 4.1 update clinical tools supported by workforce development;
 - 4.2 support the sustainability, leadership and workforce of smaller WCTO providers;
 - 4.3 increase the flexibility and duration of provider contracts, cost-model services and review the allocation of funding across providers to support sustainability and equity;
 - 4.4 improve information systems, provider technology and access to coverage data, and streamline reporting requirements;
- 5 **agreed** in principle, subject to Budget or future funding decisions, to the development of options and costings for broader transformative change to the delivery of child health, development and wellbeing services, to better support Māori and Pacific whānau and all New Zealand tamariki;

- 6 **noted** that in upholding responsibilities under Te Tiriti o Waitangi, the design and delivery of both short-term improvements and transformative systems change will be co-designed, and undertaken in partnership, with iwi, hapū and whānau as well as with sector-wide partners and stakeholders.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Chris Hipkins
Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Peeni Henare
Hon Jan Tinetti
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan

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Officials Committee for SWC

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