

**Health and Disability System  
Review Report:  
Building a stronger health and  
disability system**

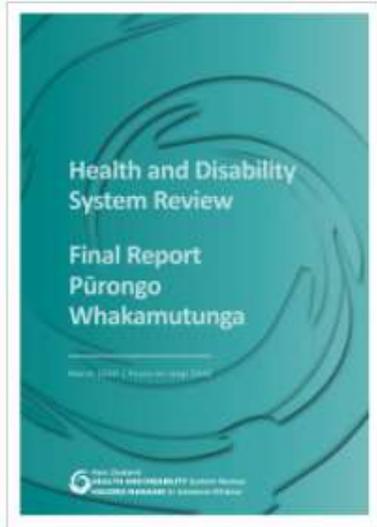


**Summary of key messages  
June 2020**





This is an Easy Read document about the **Health and Disability System Review Report**.



This document is a summary of the key messages from the full report.

You can find the full report on this website:

<https://systemreview.health.govt.nz/final-report/>

# What was the Health and Disability System Review?



The **Health and Disability System Review** looked at:

- lots of different places who give:
  - health services to people
  - disability services to people
- how those services work together
- how well those services work for the people using them.



In this document the Health and Disability System Review is called the **Review**.



The people who did the Review met with lots of different people all over New Zealand.



They listened to their stories about using the health and disability system.



The people who did the Review used what people told them to help them write the Review report.



The Minister of Health David Clark said:

**We need our health and disability services to work well for everyone.**

# The New Zealand Health and Disability System



The Review found that New Zealand mostly has a good health and disability system.



The Review also found that there are things that need to be done better.



1 of the things we learnt from COVID-19 is that it is really important to have a strong health system.

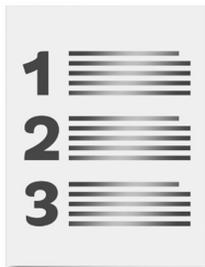


The Review looked at what changes are needed to build a stronger health and disability system.

# Building a stronger health and disability system



The Health and Disability System Review has made some important **recommendations**.



**Recommendations** are things that should be done.

**1. Do more work to build better population health.**



**Population health** is about:

- having less sick people
- people being healthy
- people feeling good about themselves.





**2. Have a new organisation that could be called Health New Zealand.**

Health New Zealand would look after how health and disability services are run.

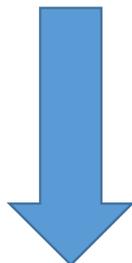
**3. There should be less District Health Boards in New Zealand.**



**District Health Boards (DHBs)** look after the funding of health services in their area.

Right now there are 20 District Health Boards in New Zealand.

The Health and Disability Review Report says in the **5 years** from now there should **only be 8 to 10 District Health Boards.**



#### 4. Have a Māori Health Authority.



The Māori Health Authority would:

- say how Māori healthcare should work
- check on how health services are doing at meeting the health needs of Māori people
- tell Māori people how well things are working.



#### 5. Have better connections between:

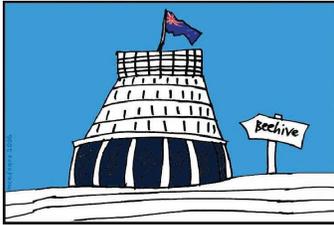
- community health care services
- hospital services.





By working together this should  
make health and disability  
services better for everyone.

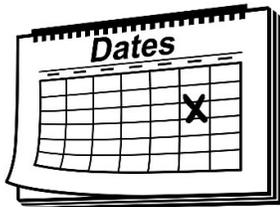
## What happens next?



The Government will look at the recommendations made in the Health and Disability System Review Report.



When the Government has finished looking at the recommendations they will decide what will happen next.



It may take a few months for the Government to make their decisions.



The Government will let everyone in New Zealand know what they will do make the health and disability system better.

## More information



You can find more information about  
on the Review on this **website**:



<https://systemreview.health.govt.nz/>



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