

Briefing

Publication of interim Government Policy Statement measure results for 2022/23

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Security level: IN CONFIDENCE **Date:** 22 April 2024

To: Hon Dr Shane Reti, Minister of Health

Purpose of report

1. This briefing provides information on the Ministry of Health | Manatū Hauora (the Ministry) intended publication of year one (2022/23) results for measures of performance against the interim Government Policy Statement on Health (iGPS) 2022–2024.
2. This briefing outlines an approach for publication of the iGPS results and seeks your agreement to complete public reporting of these results.
3. This report discloses all relevant information and implications.

Summary

4. The iGPS has a set of measures across six priorities. The Ministry committed to publishing results of the iGPS measures annually. We are seeking your approval to publish the Interim Government Policy Statement Measures Snapshot Report 2022/23 (the snapshot report), a two-page report which summarises these results (see Appendix 1), and a detailed supplementary data set, on the Ministry's website.
5. When the iGPS was published in 2022, in some instances, only broad indications of the nature of the measures were included. The Ministry has completed additional work on the measures to enable reporting. We have updated the iGPS technical appendix of measure definitions for publication on the Ministry's website. Our results are based on these revised definitions.
6. Actions to deliver against the iGPS priorities are outlined in the interim New Zealand Health Plan (interim NZ Health Plan) by Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora (Health NZ) and the Māori Health Authority | Te Aka Whai Ora (Māori Health Authority). Public reporting by Health NZ and the Māori Health Authority for 2022/23 covers progress and delivery against the interim NZ Health Plan, along with general comment as to iGPS priorities. Health NZ has also reported on a range of measures, many of which overlap with iGPS measures.
7. There may be small differences in the iGPS results published by the Ministry and Health NZ mainly due to timing of data extractions. In future reporting on the iGPS and GPS, the Ministry will work with Health NZ to support alignment between results and reporting.
8. To reduce public confusion, and not detract from national health targets reporting, we have included Health System Indicator (HSI) results in this round of iGPS reporting rather than report HSIs separately.

9. We are currently selecting measures for the Government Policy Statement (GPS) 2024-2027.

Recommendations

We recommend you:

- a) **Note** the Ministry has developed the Interim Government Policy Statement Measures Snapshot Report 2022/23 for publication of year one (2022/23) iGPS results on the Ministry's website **Noted**
- b) **Note** we will also publish on the Ministry's website an updated version of Appendix 3 of the iGPS which covers measure definitions **Noted**
- c) **Note** this approach to public reporting will be used for publication of year two iGPS measure results **Noted**
- d) **Note** this publication includes the results of the Health System Indicators **Noted**
- e) **Agree** to publication of measure results as outlined in this briefing. **Yes/No**



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Date: 23 April 2024

Hon Dr Shane Reti
Minister of Health
Date:

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Background

10. The iGPS 2022–24 sets out what the previous Government expected the health system to deliver and achieve. The iGPS contains a set of measures across the six iGPS priorities.¹ The initial iGPS measures were agreed in June 2022 to enable measurement of progress against the iGPS priorities and provide a view of service delivery during the transformation period. A number of these measures are well-established in the health sector and have historical trend data across key areas such as hospital and specialist services and public health.
11. The Ministry committed to publishing iGPS measure results annually. This publication will be the first public reporting from the Ministry that provides a view of results against iGPS measure expectations for year one (2022/23). The publication of these results was delayed due to the priority work associated with the change in Government and Minister.

Reporting on progress against the iGPS

12. The Ministry has produced a snapshot report on the iGPS measure results at the national level for year one. We intend to publish this snapshot report and a more detailed dataset with disaggregated results (e.g. by district, ethnicity etc) on the Ministry's website.² This weblink will be live upon your agreement as per this briefing's recommendations. We have informed Health NZ of this proposed approach and that we are seeking your agreement to publish these results.
13. Public reporting by Health NZ and the Māori Health Authority for 2022/23 covers progress and delivery against the interim NZ Health Plan, along with general comment as to iGPS priorities. Health NZ has also reported on a range of measures, many of which overlap with iGPS measures, for example, the Clinical Performance Metrics report contains seven of the same measures as the iGPS.
14. There may be small differences in the iGPS results published by the Ministry and Health NZ mainly due to timing of data extractions. In future reporting on the iGPS and GPS, the Ministry will work with Health NZ to support alignment between results and reporting.
15. The Ministry has not indicated on the snapshot report if the results show progress toward meeting expectations as annual milestones were not included in the iGPS. However, progress on actions or narrative on iGPS priorities is available in Health NZ and

¹ <https://www.health.govt.nz/new-zealand-health-system/health-system-reforms/interim-government-policy-statement>

² <https://github.com/minhealthnz/moh-igps-data>

Māori Health Authority documents (i.e. quarterly and annual reports, Clinical Performance Metrics). We will link our publication to these other sources of reporting.

16. The Ministry has also been unable to progress iGPS measures that were flagged as developmental (i.e. requiring establishment of new data sources) and these will not be reported. These measures were not progressed as the resource required to establish new data sources would have diverted resource away from priority work areas such as development of health strategies and the current GPS.
17. There are a limited number of measures where the Ministry has solely relied on Health NZ data, as the data are unavailable across all health Crown entities (i.e. financial measures, assessment against the Consumer Engagement Quality and Safety Marker).
18. Cabinet has agreed that Health Targets will replace Health System Indicators (HSIs) as the leading vehicle for public-facing Government health reporting (refer 100-24-MIN-0015). To avoid public confusion, and possible reduction in impact of health target reporting, the Ministry has included HSI results for 2022/23 in the snapshot report as opposed to providing a stand-alone publication.

The Ministry has updated the iGPS measure definitions for reporting

19. The iGPS includes an appendix of technical measure definitions to support monitoring and reporting, Appendix 3: Summary data definitions for the measures in the iGPS. This appendix was developed in 2022 and included only broad indications of the nature of the measures in some instances. It was expected the Ministry would update this appendix with additional technical work and details to enable reporting.
20. The Ministry has completed the technical work on the iGPS measure definitions including the establishment of baselines. The updates to the definitions of the iGPS measures have been primarily made to improve accuracy and clarity for performance measurement and reporting. The Ministry adopted a pragmatic approach of aligning to existing reporting and publications to support consistency. The updated iGPS measure definitions will be published on the Ministry's website and have been shared with Health NZ in advance of publication.
21. For one measure (Measure 1.2 – proportion starting cancer treatment following screening), we identified suitable pre-existing measures that reflected the intention of the high-level measure as data were not available for the measure as listed. This measure now uses the broader established Faster Cancer Treatment (FCT) 31-day and 62-day indicators for reporting. This reflects the iGPS priority of equitable and timely access to cancer treatment.
22. For certain measures, there were no readily available year one baselines to indicate progress over the year. The Ministry has completed work to define baselines for these measures for use in year two (2023/24) of the iGPS. You will see these baselines reflected in reporting in year two.

Equity

23. Select measures from Whakamaui: the Māori Health Action Plan 2020–2025 (Whakamaui) were included in the iGPS measures, reflecting the alignment of the priorities in Whakamaui and the iGPS.

24. Where ethnicity data is available for measures, the summary report provides results for Māori. Further disaggregation by ethnicity and geographical area is reported in the supplementary results dataset.

Next steps

25. Pending your agreement, the Ministry will publish on the Ministry's website:
 - a. the Interim Government Policy Statement Measures Snapshot Report 2022/23
 - b. the detailed supplementary results dataset.
26. The Ministry will publish an updated version of Appendix 3 of the iGPS (measure definitions) on the Ministry's website.
27. We will publish results for year two (2023/24) iGPS measures when they are available.
28. The Ministry will continue to develop GPS 2024–2027 measures and the Health Target programme to reflect your priorities.

ENDS.

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Appendix 1: Interim Government Policy Statement Measures Snapshot Report 2022/23

Appendix 1 is published here: <https://www.health.govt.nz/publications/interim-government-policy-statement-measures-snapshot-report-202223>

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Minister's Notes

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