



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Update on Primary Health Care Strategic Priorities

Portfolio Health

On 21 July 2025, following reference from the Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee, Cabinet:

- 1 **agreed** that the Government's key objectives for improving primary care are:
 - 1.1 improving access for patients;
 - 1.2 comprehensive services that deliver more in the community;
 - 1.3 continuity of care;
 - 1.4 coordinated care to actively support delivery of the Government's Health Targets;
- 2 **noted** that the Minister of Health (the Minister) is proposing changes to funding and accountability settings to achieve the Government's primary care objectives;
- 3 **noted** that the paper under SOU-25-SUB-0086 is accompanied by the paper *Primary Health Care Funding Improvements* [SOU-25-SUB-0085], which seeks agreement to reweight the capitation formula;
- 4 **noted** that the Minister will make the following public announcements on 25 July 2025 at the GP25: Conference for General Practice:
 - 4.1 capitation reweighting – with implementation from 1 July 2026, subject to negotiation through the Primary Health Organisation (PHO) Services Agreement;
 - 4.2 the introduction of a primary care health target and work underway on its establishment and implementation, including targeted sector engagement;
 - 4.3 that he will be seeking nominations for a Primary Care Advisory Group to provide him with specialist advice as the Government progresses the primary care work programme, as outlined in the Health Delivery Plan;
- 5 s 9(2)(f)(iv)
- 6 **agreed** that the Minister will write to PHOs to reinforce the Government's objectives for primary care;

- 7 **noted** that targeted sector engagement on performance measures associated with performance-based funding will occur alongside engagement on the primary care target;
- 8 **invited** the Minister to report back to the Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee with the terms of reference when appointing the Primary Care Advisory Group.

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

***Secretary's Note:** This minute replaces SOU-25-MIN-0086. Cabinet agreed to replace paragraphs 8 and 9 with a new paragraph 8.*

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