

Progress since the previous update

Recommendation 8

Specialist multi-disciplinary centre(s) are required – a group will meet in January 2020 to advise the number of specialist centres required to ensure equity of access, the model of care, and team required.

Status: In progress

A model of care for the specialist centres has now been completed. The Ministry is currently working with Health New Zealand to confirm the process for establishing the centres following the health system reforms, with the expectation that the services are implemented later in 2022.

Recommendation 9

Establish a credentialing committee by the end of January 2020 to recommend national standards for individual practitioners and services commencing with urogynaecology procedures – minimum standards for insertion, renewal, repair, and removal of surgery and native tissue repair will be included.

Status: In progress

The National Credentialing Framework: Pelvic floor reconstructive, urogynaecological and mesh revision and removal procedures (the Framework) was published on the Ministry website on 31 May 2022. A new National Credentialing Committee has been established to oversee the implementation of the Framework, with a first meeting to be held in July 2022. The first round of credentialing will occur in October and November 2022.

Recommendation 10

The Ministry of Health will lead, supported by ACC, interdisciplinary education and build the capability of the required technical skills to prevent future harm and reduce the severity of existing harm. This action intends to also support the provision of removal surgery.

Status: In progress

Development of the Surgical Mesh Primary Health Education Programme has changed direction, and a decision has been made to utilise education providers who already provide similar education to the primary care sector. The Goodfellow Unit has been contracted to initially deliver three webinars, which will be available in August 2022.

The Health Quality and Safety Commission will soon begin work to develop a national resource for consumers to use when attending appointments with primary health care professionals, to support robust informed consent processes.

Now that the Framework has been published, the Ministry are recruiting the required resource to progress the development of education resources for those working in secondary and tertiary care.

The mesh complications HealthPathway has now gone live in Canterbury, the lower North Island, Whanganui-Manawatu and Midland regions. The remaining seven regions are planning to go live with the un-localised version of the HealthPathway, and it is hoped this will occur prior to the first education webinar.