

Shorter wait times for elective treatment

95% of people wait less than four months for elective treatment.

LEAD MINISTER

Hon Simeon Brown, Minister of Health

LEAD AGENCIES

Ministry of Health, Acting Director-General of Health, Audrey Sonerson

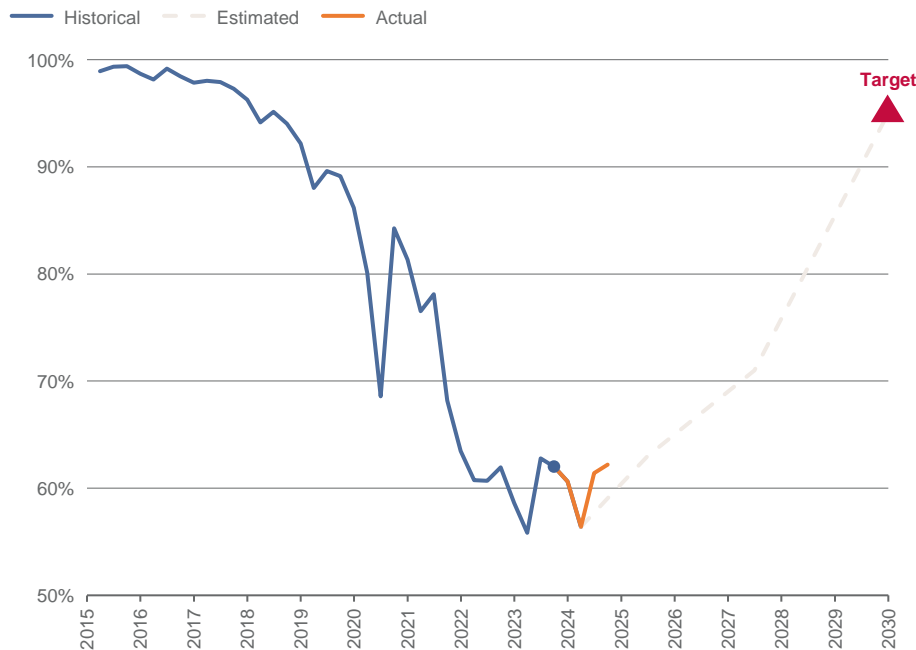
Health New Zealand, Acting Chief Executive, Dr Dale Bramley

TARGET DELIVERY PERFORMANCE - QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 2024

Target	Baseline (September 2023)	Current (September 2024)	Status
95%	62.0%	62.2%	■ Feasible

PROGRESS TOWARDS TARGET

Percent of patients waiting less than four months for elective treatment



TARGET DELIVERY ACTIONS

The Government is committed to providing timely access to quality healthcare for all New Zealanders. Results have remained steady compared to the previous quarter, despite increase in acute demand over the winter months impacting elective treatment capacity.

Waitlist is increasing. There were 10,000 more patients on the elective treatment waitlist compared with the same quarter in the prior year. Despite increased demand, results for this quarter are consistent with the same quarter in the prior year.

The Minister of Health is focused on driving action to ensure that all New Zealanders have access to timely high-quality healthcare. This includes lifting the volume of surgeries to reduce an elective surgery backlog.

The Minister of Health recently announced priorities for making immediate improvements to the delivery of public health services. This includes actions to:

- Stabilise Health NZ's governance and accountability arrangements to allow the organisation to get back to basics on delivering for New Zealanders.
- Deliver a boost in elective surgery volumes to reduce waiting lists. Health NZ will be investing \$50 million between now and the end of June this year to reduce the backlog of people waiting for elective surgeries. That will see an extra 10,579 procedures carried out.
- Provide greater leverage of private hospital capacity to deliver more elective surgeries.
- Consideration of delivery of a greater number of planned elective care treatments in primary care settings for faster, more convenient access.

HOW TO FIND OUT MORE

Health agencies will report on progress each quarter. National and regional results will be published so New Zealanders will be able to see how their local hospital is performing. Performance information about the health system is available at the Health New Zealand and Ministry of Health websites www.tewhatauora.govt.nz and www.health.govt.nz. For more information on the Government Targets go to www.dPMC.govt.nz

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