

Shorter wait times for elective treatment

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

LEAD MINISTER

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LEAD AGENCIES

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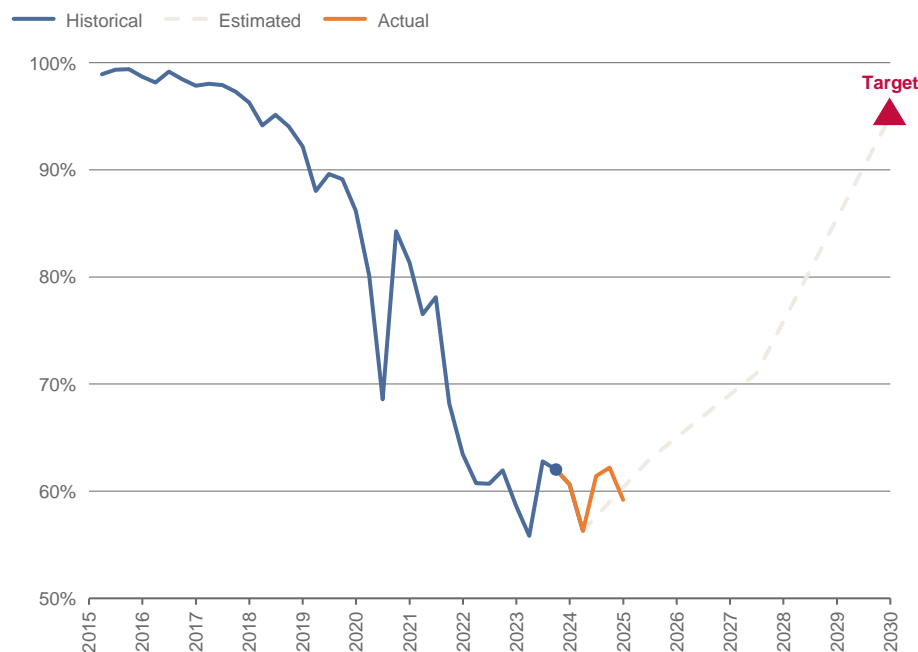
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TARGET DELIVERY PERFORMANCE - QUARTER ENDING MARCH 2025

Target	Baseline (September 2023)	Current (December 2024)	Status
95%	62.0%	59.2%	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 declined compared to the previous quarter and the same quarter in the prior year.

Waitlist is increasing. In the quarter ending December 31, 2024, there was increased demand with 10,000 more patients on the elective treatment waitlist compared 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 the elective surgery backlog.

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

- 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 wait lists. Health NZ will be investing \$50 million to the end of June this year to reduce the backlog of people waiting for elective surgeries. This will see an additional 10,579 procedures carried out. As of 11 May, there has been 9,696 additional elective procedures.
- Working in partnership with private hospitals to leverage additional capacity to deliver more elective surgeries.
- Undertaking further work to understand capacity, flow and efficiency and ensure projections are being validated through district and facility production plans and work to drive increased outsourcing.

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