

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

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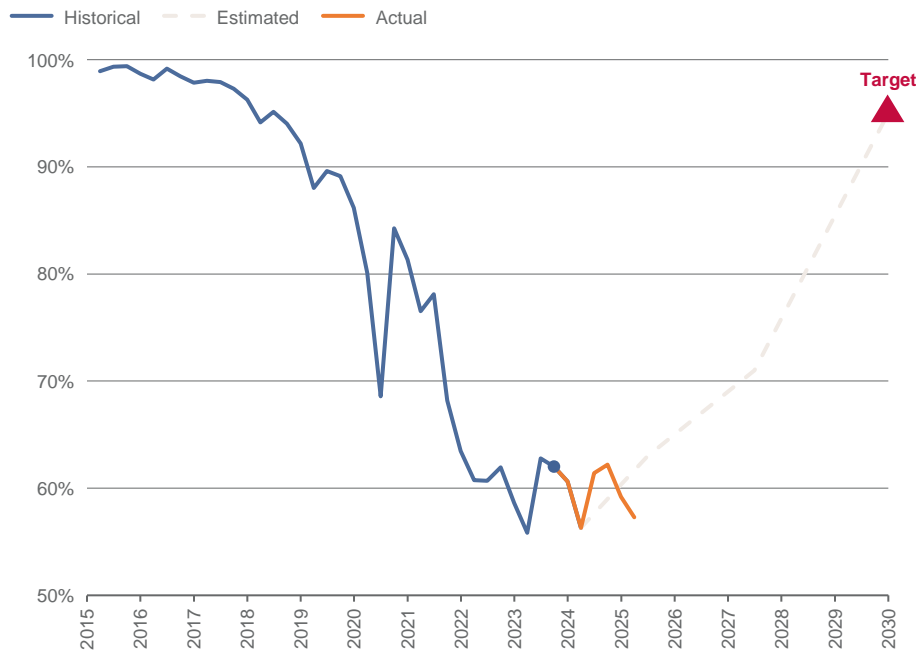
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TARGET DELIVERY PERFORMANCE - QUARTER ENDING JUNE 2025

Target	Baseline (September 2023)	Current (March 2025)	Status
95%	62.0%	57.3%	 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, however are improved compared with the same quarter in the prior year.

Fewer people waiting for elective procedures: The number of patients waiting for elective procedures dropped by 1,891, between January and March 2025.

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 has announced further actions for making immediate improvements to the delivery of public health services. This includes:

- Reestablishment of the Health New Zealand Board, with new appointments to drive its priority of ensuring timely, quality healthcare for all New Zealanders.
- The Government delivered over 12,000 additional elective procedures (as of 1 June) through the electives boost to reduce waitlists for elective treatments, above the boost target volumes of 10,579.
- Working in partnership with private hospitals to leverage additional capacity to deliver more elective surgeries. Statements of work have been issued to 60 private providers to deliver surgery at consistent national rates as part of the Minister’s FY2025/26 boost to deliver 21,000 additional elective treatments by 30 June 2026.
- The New Zealand Health Plan has been tabled in Parliament, and an updated Health Delivery Plan released for the year ahead.

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

* Where data is sourced from National Collections, previous results may differ depending on the date of extraction as data is revised and updated live. Due to a new patient management system in Auckland District, results published may show slight variations in future reports.