

Funding to Māori Health Providers by the Ministry of Health and District Health Boards, 2011/12 to 2015/16

This report shows information on changes in funding to Māori health providers¹ by the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) and district health boards (DHBs).

It also looks to see how these changes compare with changes in the parts of Vote Health that fund health services.

There are around 280 Māori health providers operating across the country. The types of services delivered by Māori health providers include health priorities from child health, oral health, maternity, community health, specialist medicine, mental health, health of older people and public health. These services can be categorised as health and disability services. The majority of contracts delivered by Māori health providers are for services targeted towards Māori, Pacific and high-need communities. The data used in this report does not explain how well health needs are catered for, the quality of health services provided or other services used to serve these communities.

The Ministry is funded through Vote Health to deliver a range of national health services including health workforce training and development, national elective services and national maternity services.² DHBs are required under the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000 to support Māori participation in the delivery of Māori health services.

¹ Māori health providers have been identified as those providers who meet the Māori Provider Development Scheme definition: a provider that is owned and governed by Māori and is providing health and disability services primarily but not exclusively for Māori. See www.health.govt.nz/publication/maori-provider-development-scheme-mpds-2015-16-purchasing-intentions for more details.

² See page 5 of *Vote Health 2015/16* for the list of all national services the Ministry is funded to purchase in the 2015/16 year. www.treasury.govt.nz/budget/2015/estimates/v6/est15-v6-health.pdf

Total funding to Māori health providers as a percentage of Vote Health

Table 1 shows that funding to Māori health providers by the Ministry and DHBs was \$270.3 million in 2015/16, an increase of \$14.4 million (or 5.6%) since 2011/12.³ Although funding to Māori health providers is increasing, it remains a small part of Vote Health, decreasing from 1.93 percent in 2011/12 to 1.86 percent in 2015/16.

Similarly, the percentage increase in funding to Māori health providers between 2011/12 and 2015/16 (5.6%) was less than the corresponding increase in Vote Health (9.6%).

Table 1: Funding to Māori health providers by the Ministry and DHBs as a percentage of Vote Health, 2011/12 to 2015/16

	11/12 \$m	12/13 \$m	13/14 \$m	14/15 \$m	15/16 \$m	Increase 11/12 to 15/16 (\$m)	Increase 11/12 to 15/16 (%)
Funding to Māori health providers by the Ministry and DHBs	\$255.9	\$255.2	\$265.7	\$272.8	\$270.3	\$14.4	5.6%
Vote Health	\$13,267	\$13,618	\$13,916	\$14,221	\$14,544	\$1,278	9.6%
Funding to Māori health providers as a percentage of Vote Health	1.93%	1.87%	1.91%	1.92%	1.86%		

Source: Ministry of Health, Wellington; Health Sector – the Estimates of Appropriations, the Treasury, Wellington

Notes: Only payments for health and disability services are shown.

Due to rounding, individual figures in this table may not add to give the stated totals and percentages may appear to differ from those stated.

Funding to Māori health providers by the Ministry of Health

Table 2 shows that funding to Māori health providers by the Ministry was \$94.7 million in 2015/16, an increase of \$2.6 million or 2.8 percent from 2011/12. This percentage increase was greater than the percentage increase in the Ministry's Non-Departmental Expenses (2.0 %) during the same time. This greater increase corresponds with an increase in funding expressed as a percentage of the Ministry's Non-Departmental Expenses, increasing from 3.33 percent in 2011/12 to 3.33 percent in 2015/16.

Table 2: Funding to Māori health providers by the Ministry, 2011/12 to 2015/16

	11/12 \$m	12/13 \$m	13/14 \$m	14/15 \$m	15/16 \$m	Increase 11/12 to 15/16 (\$m)	Increase 11/12 to 15/16 (%)
Funding to Māori health providers by the Ministry	\$92.2	\$91.3	\$94.9	\$96.8	\$94.7	\$2.6	2.8%
Ministry Non-Departmental Expenses	\$2,770	\$2,799	\$2,812	\$2,816	\$2,825	\$54.6	2.0%
Funding to Māori health providers as a percentage of Ministry Non-Departmental Expenses	3.33%	3.26%	3.38%	3.44%	3.35%		

Source: Ministry of Health, Wellington; Health Sector – the Estimates of Appropriations, the Treasury, Wellington

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³ In this report, funding is recorded in the year it was paid to providers.

Funding to Māori health providers by District Health Boards

Table 3 shows that funding to Māori health providers by DHBs was \$175.5 million in 2015/16, an increase of \$11.8 million or 7.2 percent from 2011/12. This percentage increase was less than the percentage increase in DHBs' Crown Funding for health services (11.7%) over the same period. Also during this time, funding to Māori health providers as a percentage of DHBs' Crown Funding decreased from 1.56 percent to 1.50 percent.⁴

Table four shows that between 2011/12 and 2015/16, Capital and Coast DHB increased its funding to Māori health providers by 43.6 percent. Nelson Marlborough DHB increased its funding by 37.4 percent and five other DHBs; Waikato, Canterbury, MidCentral, Taranaki and West Coast, increased their funding by over 20 percent. These seven DHBs increased their funding to Māori health providers by more than their increase in Crown Funding during the same time.

Please note, these comparisons do not take into account the different demographic and economic influences or health needs in each DHB. Also, from the data provided, we are not able to say why DHBs increased or decreased their Māori health provider funding or how much Māori health provider funding should be. The data is, however, one way for us to understand how DHBs are supporting Māori participation in service delivery in line with requirements on DHBs in the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000.

Table 3: Funding to Māori health providers by DHBs, 2011/12 to 2015/16

	11/12 \$m	12/13 \$m	13/14 \$m	14/15 \$m	15/16 \$m	Increase 11/12 to 15/16 (\$m)	Increase 11/12 to 15/16 (%)
Funding to Māori health providers by DHBs	\$163.7	\$164.0	\$170.7	\$176.0	\$175.5	\$11.8	7.2 %
DHBs' Crown Funding	\$10,497	\$10,819	\$11,104	\$11,405	\$11,720	\$1,223	11.7%
Funding to Māori health providers as a percentage of DHBs' Crown Funding	1.56%	1.52%	1.54%	1.54%	1.50%		

Source: Ministry of Health, Wellington; Health Sector – The Estimates of Appropriations, the Treasury, Wellington

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Table 4: Funding to Māori health providers by individual DHBs, 2011/12 to 2015/16

DHB	Funding to Māori health providers by individual DHBs							
	11/12 \$m	12/13 \$m	13/14 \$m	14/15 \$m	15/16 \$m	Increase 11/12 to 15/16 \$m	Increase 11/12 to 15/16 (%)	DHBs, Crown Funding for health services ⁴
Capital and Coast	\$3.64	\$4.02	\$5.51	\$5.17	\$5.22	\$1.59	43.6%	10.5%
Nelson Marlborough	\$2.91	\$3.27	\$3.75	\$3.91	\$4.00	\$1.09	37.4%	13.9%
Waikato	\$29.30	\$32.88	\$34.81	\$35.14	\$36.39	\$7.09	24.2%	12.6%
Canterbury	\$5.13	\$5.98	\$5.56	\$5.82	\$6.36	\$1.23	24.0%	9.8%
MidCentral	\$4.05	\$4.42	\$4.17	\$4.79	\$4.95	\$0.90	22.2%	9.6%
Taranaki	\$8.08	\$8.07	\$9.08	\$9.73	\$9.82	\$1.74	21.6%	12.3%
West Coast	\$0.56	\$0.50	\$0.76	\$0.66	\$0.68	\$0.12	21.3%	7.5%
Bay of Plenty	\$21.26	\$21.19	\$21.79	\$23.03	\$22.71	\$1.45	6.8%	11.7%
Tairāwhiti	\$7.51	\$6.63	\$6.46	\$6.67	\$7.86	\$0.35	4.7%	10.0%
Whanganui	\$4.40	\$4.14	\$4.44	\$4.55	\$4.60	\$0.19	4.4%	7.6%
Auckland	\$3.73	\$3.20	\$3.74	\$3.87	\$3.89	\$0.16	4.3%	12.3%
Northland	\$20.66	\$20.18	\$19.63	\$21.40	\$21.06	\$0.40	1.9%	13.6%
Waitemata	\$10.03	\$9.61	\$9.78	\$10.55	\$10.22	\$0.19	1.9%	14.4%
Southern	\$3.04	\$2.92	\$2.96	\$2.88	\$2.87	-\$0.16	-5.4%	9.4%
Wairarapa	\$1.28	\$1.31	\$1.21	\$1.32	\$1.19	-\$0.09	-6.8%	13.6%
South Canterbury	\$0.71	\$0.50	\$0.63	\$0.75	\$0.66	-\$0.05	-7.3%	9.6%
Hutt Valley	\$2.89	\$2.56	\$2.57	\$2.59	\$2.63	-\$0.26	-8.9%	9.1%
Lakes	\$7.78	\$7.18	\$6.57	\$6.90	\$7.05	-\$0.73	-9.4%	9.0%
Hawkes Bay	\$9.99	\$8.95	\$9.51	\$9.40	\$8.72	-\$1.26	-12.6%	12.4%
Counties Manukau	\$16.80	\$16.45	\$17.81	\$16.86	\$14.65	-\$2.15	-12.8%	13.1%
Total DHB funding to Māori health providers	\$163.74	\$163.97	\$170.75	\$175.99	\$175.54	\$11.80	7.2%	11.7%

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⁴ A table showing details of each DHB's Crown Funding is available on the Ministry's website. See: www.health.govt.nz/publication/funding-maori-health-providers-by-the-Ministry-of-Health-and-District-Health-Boards-2011-12-to-2015-16 for details.