

# Structure of Community and Public Health

Community and Public Health has offices spread across three regions of the South Island serving the public health needs of their respective communities in:

- Ashburton;
- Christchurch;
- Greymouth; and
- Timaru.

## Public Health covers a diverse range of activities

Each office has staff involved in health promotion and health protection activities.

Health Protection staff address many of the regulatory public health concerns, including:

- Air Quality;
- Alcohol Licensing;
- Biosecurity;
- Communicable Disease;
- Drinking and Recreational Water;
- Emergency Preparedness;
- Hazardous Substances;
- Resource Management Act;
- Transport; and
- Waste Management.

Health promoters aim to help prevent chronic diseases such as cardiovascular disease, cancer and type 2 diabetes. They are linked by common biological, behavioural and environmental risk factors, which include:

- being overweight;
- harmful alcohol use;
- high blood pressure and cholesterol;
- housing issues such as inadequately insulated or heated homes;
- physical inactivity;
- poor nutrition; and
- smoking.

Key settings for health promotion activities include education settings (including early childhood centres, schools and tertiary institutions), communities of high need (including Māori, Pacific and relative socio-economic deprivation), and workplaces.

Community smoking cessation services are provided from the Ashburton, Christchurch and Greymouth offices.

The response to COVID-19 has become a new added priority for Community and Public Health – which influences all other public health priorities too.

## Specialised support is available from the Christchurch office

The Christchurch office also has teams working in specialised areas.

The Information Team recognises the key role of identifying and providing information about the population's health status, including what affects it, with a focus on:

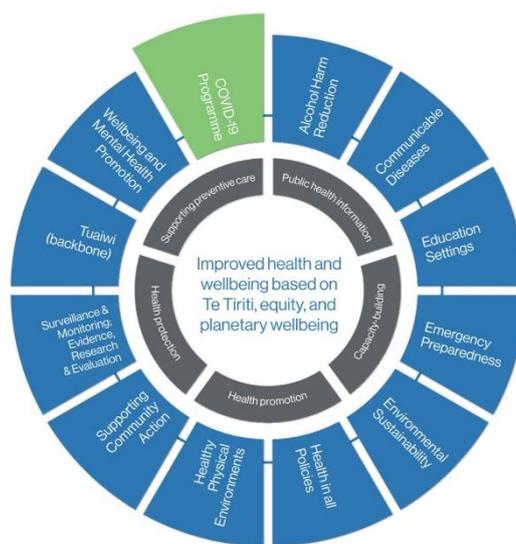
- Evidence, research and evaluation;
- Information systems;
- Quality; and
- Surveillance and monitoring.

The Policy Team takes a Health in All Policies (HiAP) approach and is focused on healthy public policy, health-promoting health systems and sustainability.

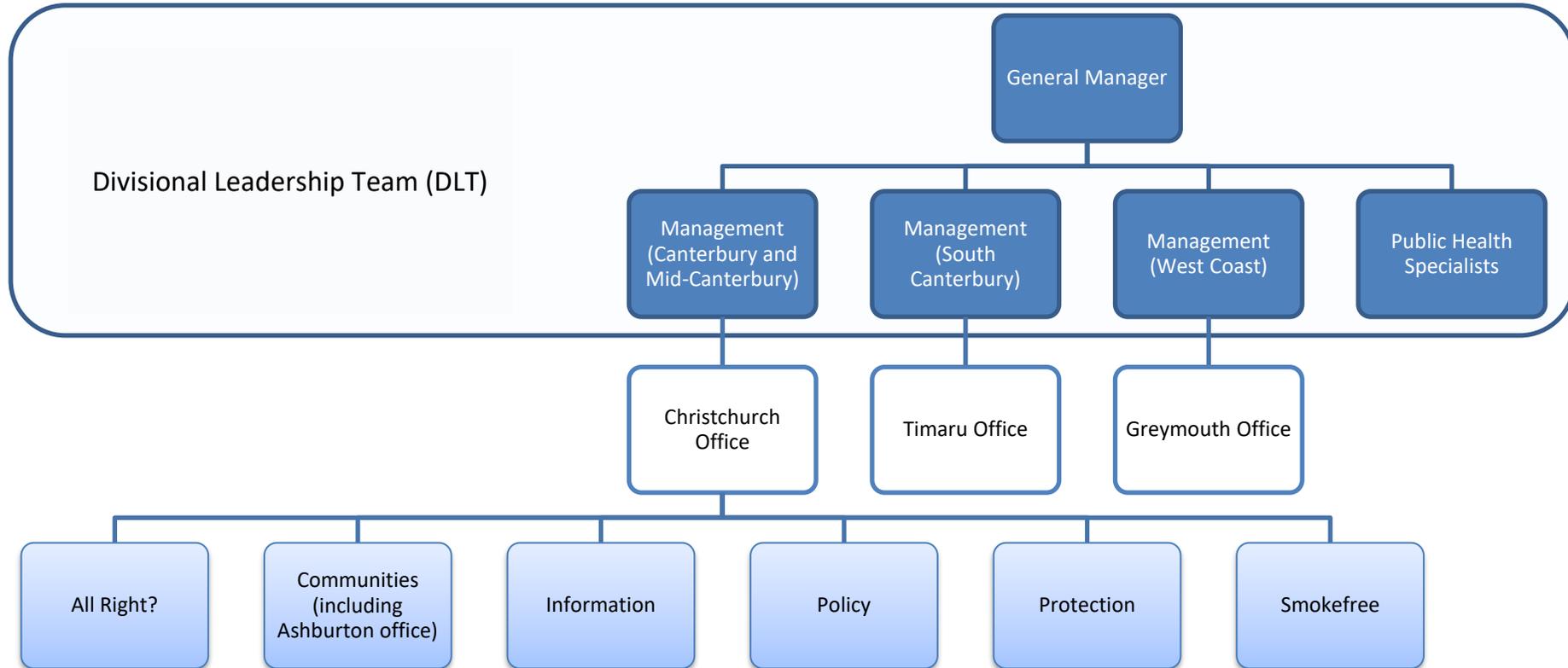
The All Right? campaign is also based in the Christchurch office working to promote wellbeing and mental health within the Canterbury region.

## Community and Public Health Programme Areas for the 2020/21 financial year

Programme	Lead Team
Alcohol Harm Reduction	Protection
Communicable Diseases	Protection
COVID-19	Protection
Education Settings	Communities
Emergency Preparedness	Protection
Environmental Sustainability	Policy
Health in All Policies	Policy
Healthy Physical Environments	Protection
Supporting Community Action	Communities
Surveillance and Monitoring Evidence, Research and Evaluation	Information
Tuaiwi (Quality, Information Systems and Workforce Development)	Information
Wellbeing and Mental Health Promotion	All Right?
South Canterbury	South Canterbury
West Coast	West Coast



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This organisational diagram shows the structure of Community and Public Health since 1 March 2011. The upper tier of management called the Divisional Leadership Team (DLT) is composed of the General Manager, Public Health Specialists (who are senior public health professionals including Medical Officers of Health) and the managers responsible for the Christchurch teams and the regional offices.

The Canterbury office in Christchurch has a largest number of staff and so is arranged into six teams. Each team covers or supports the core public health functions.

Each team or regional office has a Team Leader and administration staff.