

Structure of Te Mana Ora | Community and Public Health

Te Mana Ora | 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 – also supporting the Chatham Islands;
- Greymouth; and
- Timaru.

Public Health covers a diverse range of activities

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

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.

Compliance staff monitor and deal with issues around alcohol licensing and smokefree environments. Health Protection staff address many of the regulatory public health concerns, including:

- Air Quality;
- Biosecurity;
- Communicable Disease;
- Hazardous Substances;
- Recreational Water;
- Resource Management Act;
- Transport; and
- Waste Management.

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

The response to COVID-19 was a new specific priority for Te Mana Ora | Community and Public Health – and previously influenced all other public health priorities too.

We are now part of the National Public Health Service

The New Zealand health system transition began on 1st July 2022 – with the creation of Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand and Te Aka Whai Ora – the Māori Health Authority. Currently we are in the initial 2-year period of reset.

Te Mana Ora | Community and Public Health is becoming part of Te Waipounamu region of the new National Public Health Service within Te Whatu Ora. This means working much closer with our public health colleagues located around the rest of South Island.

Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand

Most of our staff will still have local responsibilities for delivering public health services, but some will have regional obligations instead.

Specialised support is available from the Christchurch office

The Christchurch office also has teams working in specialised areas.

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

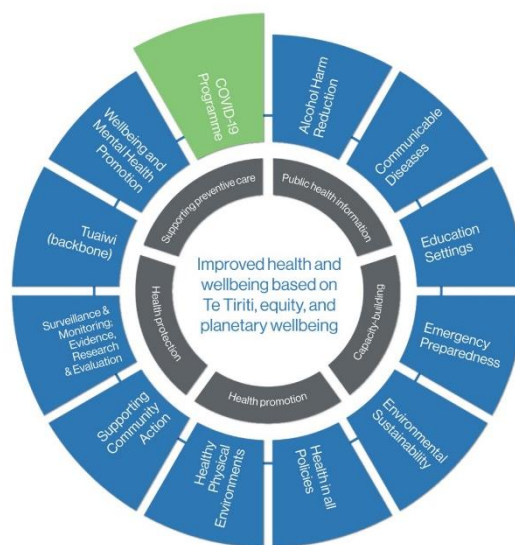
- Evidence, research and evaluation;
- Information systems;
- Quality; and
- Surveillance and monitoring.

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

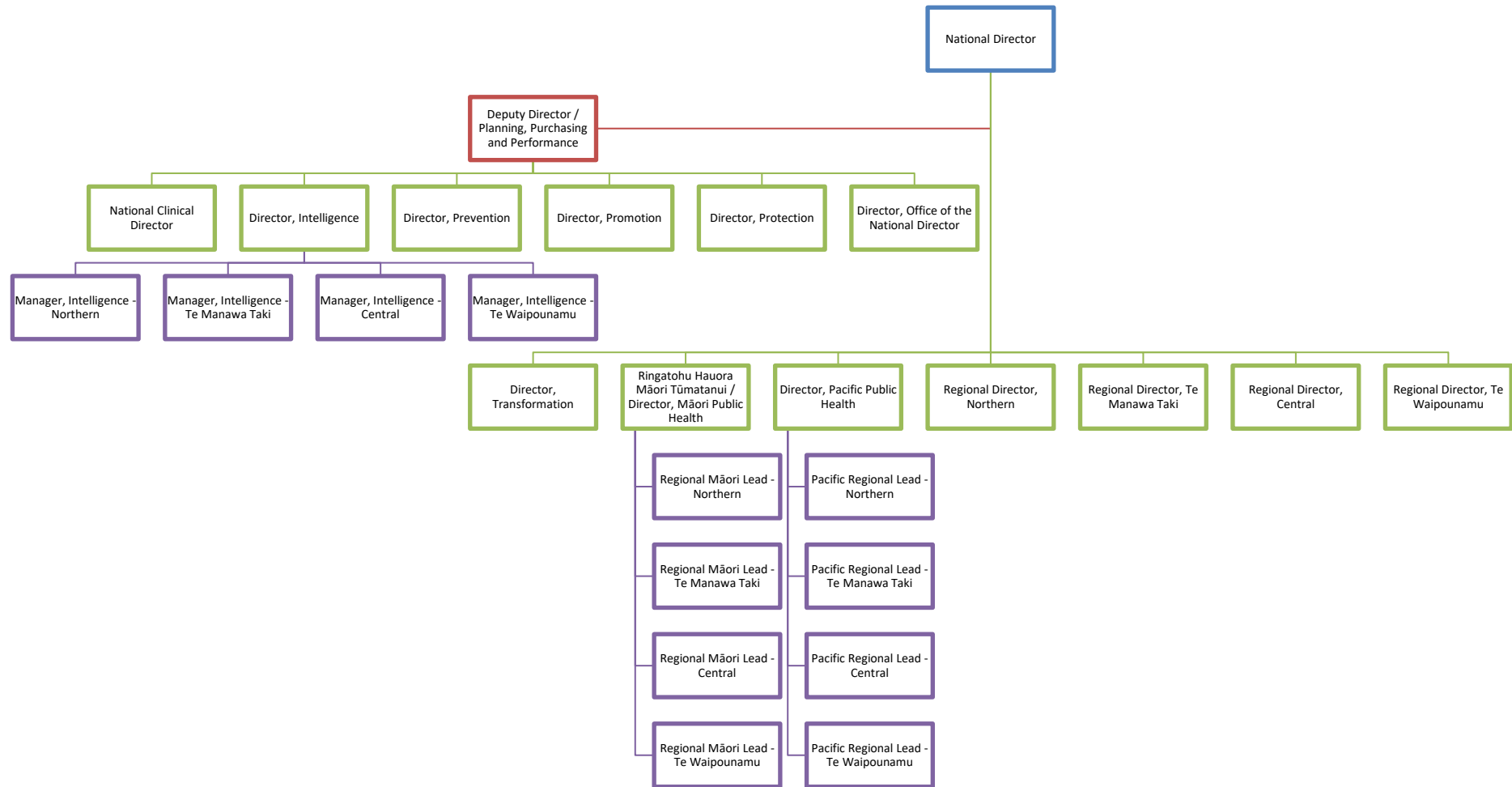
Emergency Preparedness is now part of Strategy and Operations as it deals with regional planning for emergencies and climate change related issues.

Community and Public Health Programme Areas for the 2023/24 financial year

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



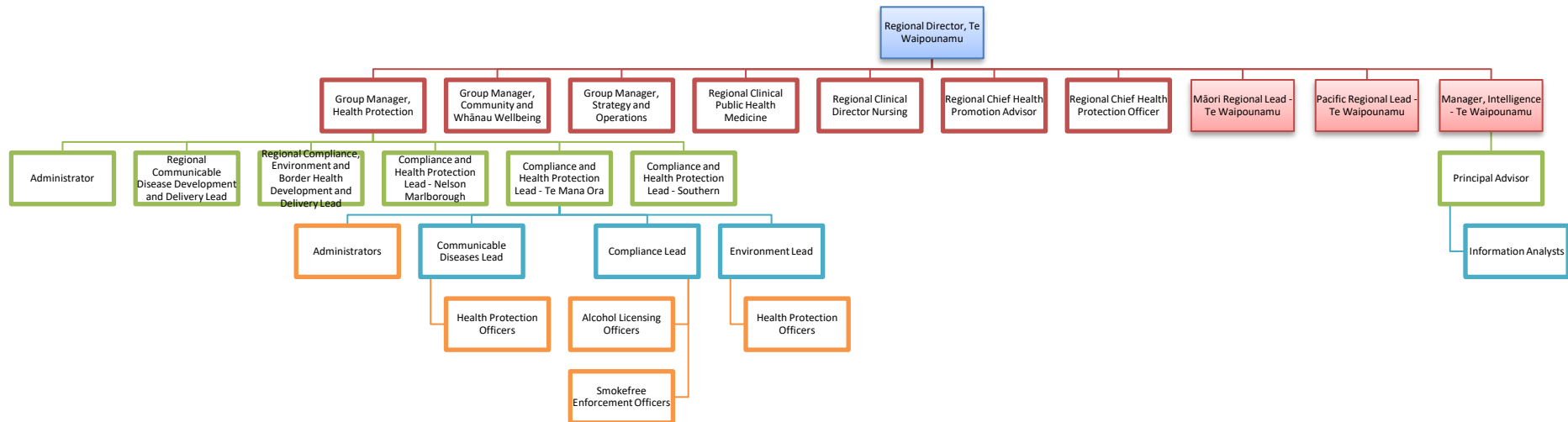
Structure of the National Public Health Service Leadership



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Structure of the National Public Health Service – Te Waipounamu region

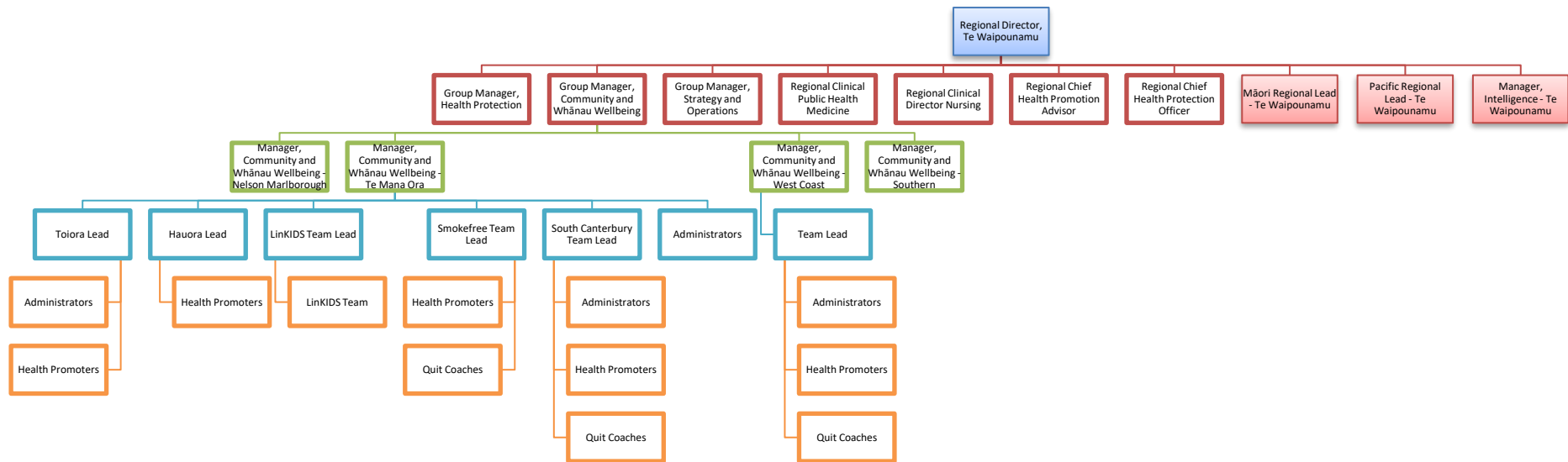
Part 1: Health Protection and Intelligence



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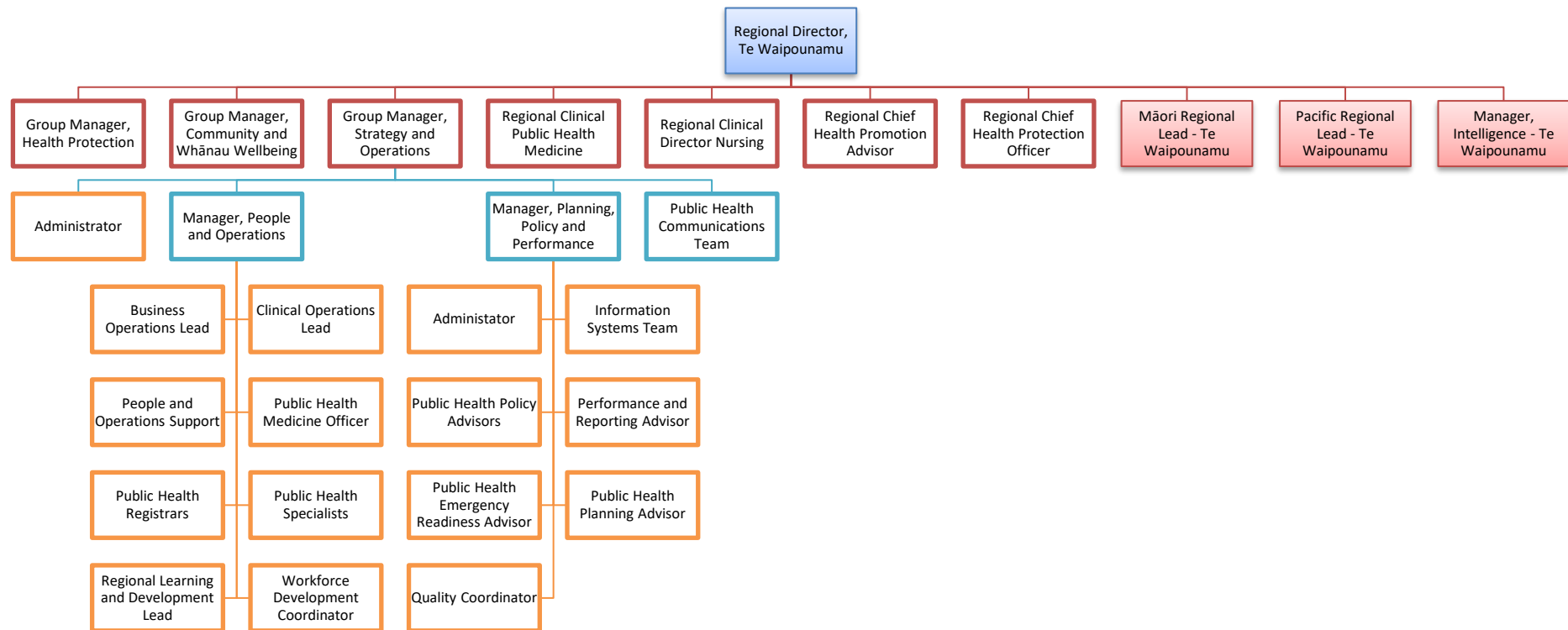
Part 2: Community and Whānau Wellbeing



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Part 3: Strategy and Operations



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