

Vision and Purpose of Te Mana Ora |Community and Public Health

Te Mana Ora | Community and Public Health is a part of the new National Public Health Service within Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand which was established in July 2022. Currently we are in the initial 2-year period of reset.

The National Public Health Service (NPHS) brings together all the public health units (PHUs) into a unified operational service. Some functions from the Ministry of Health and Health Promotion Agency/ Te Hiringa Hauora are also part of the new service.

Te Mana Ora | Community and Public Health is becoming part of a Te Waipounamu region within the National Public Health Service. Thankfully we have been working closely with the other PHUs in the South Island/ Te Waipounamu for more than 15 years.

Figure 1: Map of National Public Health Service (NPHS) Health Regions



Te Mana Ora also contributes to the mahi/ work of external organisations including:

- Local agencies such as Environment Canterbury, city and district councils;
- Government departments such as the Ministry for Social Development, Ministry of Education;
- Primary care agencies;
- Other parts of the health system – including the Ministry of Health, Te Whatu Ora Waitaha Canterbury (formerly the Canterbury DHB), Te Whatu Ora South Canterbury, and Te Whatu Ora Te Tai o Poutini West Coast; and
- Non-Government Organisations including the Cancer Society and Mental Health Foundation.

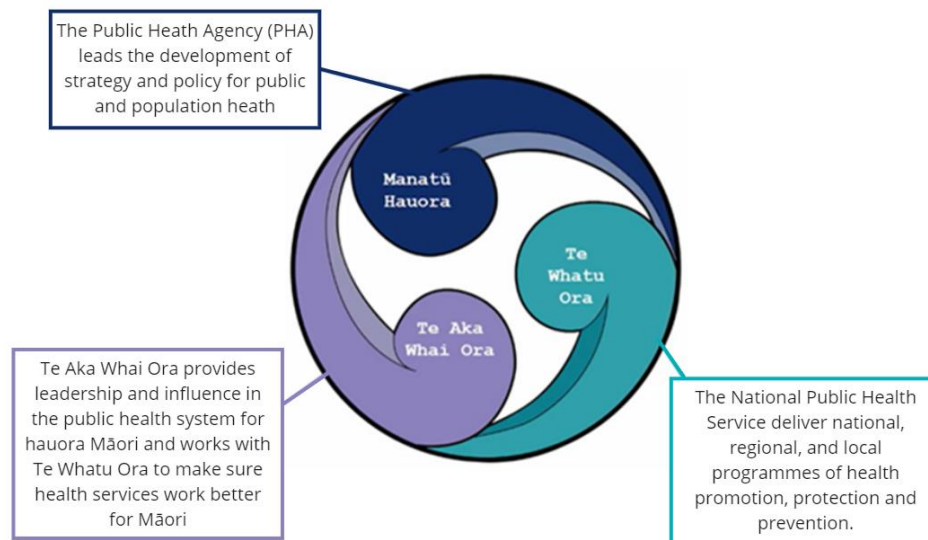
Aims and purpose of the National Public Health Service

The kaupapa of the National Public Health Service is *Manaakitia ngā whānau mō pae ora – to enable whānau and communities to lead lives of wellness.*

So the strategic objectives of the NPHS for the first years of health system transformation are:

1. Achieving equity in health outcomes.
2. Embedding Te Tiriti o Waitangi across the health sector.
3. Keeping people well in their communities.
4. Developing an inclusive health workforce of the future.
5. Ensuring a financially sustainable health sector.
6. Laying the foundations for the ongoing success of the health sector.

Figure 2: Relationships between the new health sector entities and the Ministry of Health | Manatū Hauora with details on their public health responsibilities.



About the rest of the new health system in Aotearoa

Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand leads the day-to-day running of the health system across New Zealand, with functions delivered at local, district, regional and national levels. It weaves the functions of the 20 former District Health Boards (DHBs) into its regional divisions and district offices – ensuring continuity of services in the health system.

Te Whatu Ora is also responsible for improving services and outcomes across the health system.

[Find out more about Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand.](#)

Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand

Te Aka Whai Ora – the Maori Health Authority – is responsible for leading and monitoring transformational change for the hauora health and wellbeing needs of whānau Māori.

[Find out more about Te Aka Whai Ora.](#)

The foundations of the new health system as outlined in the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act legislation are:

- to improve equitable health outcomes;
- embed Te Tiriti o Waitangi;
- implement a population health approach, and
- ensure a sustainable and affordable health system.

[Find out more about Te Pae Tata Interim New Zealand Health Plan 2022.](#)