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Tēnā koe Alan

Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00073237

Thank you for your email on 15 November 2024, asking Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

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Response

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To provide you with further context in terms of your request. In order to be recognised, iwi Māori partnership boards (IMPBs) were required to meet the criteria set out in section 31 of the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act 2022 (Pae Ora Act).

Te Waipounamu IMPBs were in the second tranche of IMPBs to progress to recognition under the Pae Ora Act. On 27 July 2023, following the execution of the Order in Council, they received recognition and were added to schedule 4 of the Pae Ora Act.

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The reporting requirements for Te Waipounamu IMPBs were to meet the criteria for recognition under section 31 of the Pae Ora Act. The reports attached in appendix two the 15 November 2024 response set out the requirements and the IMPBs progress / report against these.

As you may be aware, the Māori Health Authority | Te Aka Whai Ora was disestablished on 30 June 2024. The Māori Health Authority functions (including IMPB related functions) and kaimahi transferred to Health NZ on 31 March 2024.

The Pae Ora Act was also amended to reflect the disestablishment and a change in IMPB responsibilities. IMPBs will be facilitated to do more, including playing an important role in monitoring how well health care and services are working at the local level in support of better outcomes for whānau and communities.

Announcements on reshaping the health system and the change in responsibilities for IMPBs made by the Minister of Health (Dr Shane Reti) can be found here:

www.beehive.govt.nz/search?query=IMPB

Given the changes to the Pae Ora Act and the increased role of IMPBs, Health NZ needs to align the contracts with the new IMPB deliverables.

The first step for IMPBs is to deliver a Community Health Plan (CHP) for their IMPB area. Our expectation is once the CHPs are approved, contract variation discussions will take place in the new year. These discussions will determine the milestones, deliverables, reporting requirements in line with each IMPBs CHP.

One of our Health NZ functions is to support IMPBs to succeed and these reporting requirements will help us ensure we are doing the best we can to achieve that.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at hnzOIA@tewhatuora.govt.nz.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Health NZ may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michelle Hippolite".

Michelle Hippolite

Chief of Staff and Interim Head of Mātauranga Māori