

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What is the South Island Health Services Plan?

A document that provides the principles and framework to support sustainable health and disability services for the population of the South Island.

2. Why is it being developed?

The vision of the SIHSP is to:

- reduce inequalities in access to health services across the South Island.
- enhance the quality of health services across the South Island.
- enhance the sustainability of all health services for the South Island population that are appropriately delivered in the South Island.
- engage with key stakeholders to ensure understanding and acceptability of South Island health services.

3. How will this happen?

The South Island Health Services Plan aims to reduce inequalities in access to health services, and enhance the quality of clinical services:

- By making the health consumer the primary focus of any model of health-care quality management.
- Through quality of care systems that focus on: safety, effectiveness, access, efficiency, acceptability, appropriateness, and consumer participation.
- By considering the full continuum of care, spanning public health through to tertiary services, and including the supports required to enable service delivery.
- By enhancing the sustainability of all clinical services.
- Through the identification of future need and supply of clinical skills.
- Through acknowledgement that efficient and effective use of resources will be required across the South Island.

4. What will it mean for services at my local hospital?

One of the key principles at the heart of the planning is to ensure that high quality and viable services are provided as close to home as possible, regardless of where you live. Changes in the way some services are provided may be necessary, however this will be driven from a long term sustainability perspective.

The planning process is not about closure of hospitals or services, but rather clarification as to how each service and facility fits into the wider clinical network of services across the South Island, and how we can ensure viability of these services both now and into the future.

5. Who is involved?

A steering group with a representative from each DHB area has been established. Members of this group are:

SISSAL	Rob Weir, General Manager
Nelson/Marlborough DHB	Sharon Kletchko, General Manager Planning and Funding
West Coast DHB	Wayne Turp, General Manager Planning and Funding
Canterbury DHB	Mary Gordon, Executive Director of Nursing
South Canterbury DHB	Chris Fleming, Chief Executive Steering Group Chair
Otago DHB	Richard Bunton, Chief Medical Officer
Southland DHB	Lexie O'Shea, Chief Operating Officer
Maori Health	Nicola Ehau, GM Maori Health, NMDHB
Primary Care	Roy Morris, Regional Primary Care Advisor, O&SDHBs
Ministry of Health	Siobhan Brown, Regional DHB Relationship Manager

Working groups will be established focused on each area as the planning process progresses.