



COVID-19 INDEPENDENT CONTINUOUS REVIEW, IMPROVEMENT AND ADVICE GROUP: MEETING AGENDA

Date & time	Tuesday 8 February, 4.00pm – 5.30pm
Location	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82610684360?pwd=SWFnS3NlVjAxRC9Yc0R5NGpkdWl3OT09 Meeting ID: 826 1068 4360 Passcode: 721004
Attendees	Sir Brian Roche (Chair), Debbie Ryan, Dale Bramley, Philip Hill, Rob Fyfe, Amber Bill (DPMC), Martin Rogers (DPMC), Louise Cox (DPMC), Huri Dennis, Rangimarie Hunia, Karen Wilson, Sarah Sparks, Viv Rickard (MSD), Marama Edwards (MSD), Bridget White (MOH), Kelvin Watson (MOH), Paul Stocks (MBIE), Dean Ford (MBIE)

	Agenda item	Duration	Lead
1.	Discussion with Taumata Kōrero (Māori providers collective in Tāmaki Makaurau)	15 min	Huri, Rangimarie, Karen, Sarah
2.	Self-isolation in the community - Discussion with MSD	30 min	Viv, Marama
3.	Test to return to work scheme - Discussion with MOH and MBIE	30 min	Bridget, Kelvin, Paul, Dean
4.	Key areas for assurance (advice to Minister Hipkins)	10 min	Brian
5.	Confirmation of minutes and any other business	5 min	Brian



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Venue	Zoom	
Attendees	Sir Brian Roche (Chair) Debbie Ryan Dale Bramley Philip Hill Rob Fyfe Amber Bill (DPMC) Louise Cox (DPMC) Martin Rodgers (DPMC) Huri Dennis (Item 1)	Rangimarie Hunia (Item 1) Karen Wilson (Item 1) Sarah Sparks (Item 1) Bridget White (MoH, Item 2) Kelvin Watson (MoH, Item 2) Paul Stocks (MBIE, Item 2) Dean Ford (MBIE, Item 2) Ruth Fairhall (DPMC, Item 2) Viv Rickard (MSD, Item 3) Nic Blakeley (MSD, Item 3)
Minute taker	Louise Cox	

Item 1: Discussion with Taumata Kōrero

1. Huri Dennis, Rangimarie Hunia, Karen Wilson and Sarah Sparks from Taumata Kōrero attended to discuss Māori provider experiences in Tāmaki Makaurau.
2. Huri talked through the issues being faced including:
 - A reactive funding model that does not facilitate the frontloading of resources to support providers to prepare whānau (noting that
 - Inability to source Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs).
3. The Group expressed support for Taumata Kōrero's kaupapa, highlighting the importance of supporting capacity in the community and noting they will raise the issues voiced by the Taumata Kōrero representatives.

Item 2: Test to Return scheme

4. Bridget White, Kelvin Watson, Paul Stocks, Dean Ford and Ruth Fairhall attended to discuss the Test to Return scheme for critical workers with the Group.
5. Paul and Bridget gave a brief overview of the Test to Return scheme including the registration process for businesses and the process for close contact critical workers to access RATs.
6. There was discussion with the Group on:
 - the effective use of RATs
 - the capacity the system is working to
 - equity, including high-risk settings and what additional resources are being targeted to those workforces with at-risk workers
 - distribution of RATs
 - communications and engagement.
7. Paul suggested that a recent report from officials to Ministers that sets out further detail on the Test to Return scheme is shared with the Group.

Item 3: Omicron: Self-isolation in the community

8. Nic Blakeley and Viv Rickard from the Ministry of Social Development attended to update the Group on progress with Care in the Community processes and supports for those self-isolating (focussing on the welfare aspects).
9. Viv and Nic described the operational model and progress since the last update to the Group, highlighting what is going well and where there are still blockages and issues.
10. There was discussion with the Group on:
 - capacity in the community to deliver support and planning targets
 - funding needed to prepare for what is coming down the track
 - channels for isolating individuals and whānau to access support
 - triage of individuals and how they are supported
 - end-to-end systems from diagnosis through to recovery
 - self-service model for isolating individuals
 - engagement with providers to support them through an Omicron surge and the transitions through the Phases
 - compliance reporting requirements for providers and the challenges these create
 - where decision-making sits within the model.

Item 4: Key areas for assurance (advice to Minister for COVID-19 Response)

11. The Group discussed the key themes to highlight in the weekly advice not to the Minister for COVID-19 Response. They agreed that areas to cover include:

- the community and business empowerment model including:
 - i. How it is funded
 - ii. Where it is inhibited by system processes and controls
 - iii. The importance of accurate communications from the centre that reflect the experiences on the ground
- system readiness and capacity including:
 - i. Clarity of the capacity to respond to health and welfare needs is needed
 - ii. The risk of individuals falling through the gaps where their health deteriorates rapidly
 - iii. The readiness of new systems supporting the Test to Return and Care in the Community models.
- equity considerations including:
 - i. the need to include places of worship in high-risk settings planning and preparation
 - ii. that public-facing tools for self-isolating individuals is likely to prove challenging for lower socio-economic communities.
- the utility of RATs in the Test to Return scheme and for self-isolation at the border.

Item 5: Confirmation of minutes and other business

12. The confirmation of the minutes was deferred and there was no other business.