

# Shorter wait times for elective treatment

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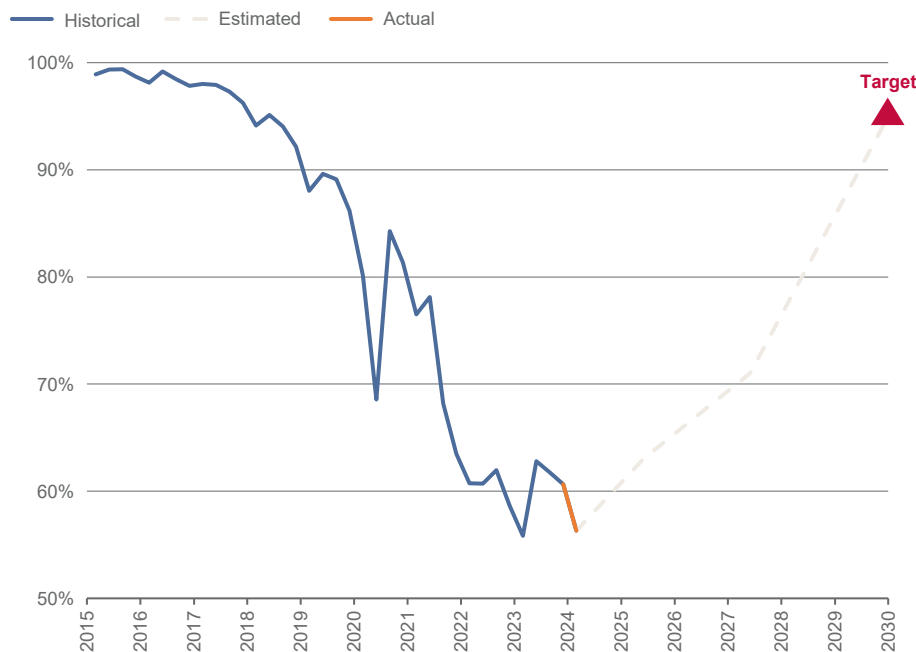
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## TARGET DELIVERY PERFORMANCE - QUARTER ENDING JUNE 2024

Target	Baseline	Current (March 2024)	Status
95%	62.0%	56.3%	<span style="color: yellow;">■</span> Feasible

## PROGRESS TOWARDS TARGET

Percent of patients waiting less than four months for elective treatment



## TARGET DELIVERY ACTIONS

**The Government is committed to providing timely access to quality healthcare for all New Zealanders.**

**The Government has appointed a Health NZ Commissioner** focused on resetting the way Health NZ operates primarily to address unacceptable wait times.

**Health NZ target implementation plan focuses on actions to:**

- Increase delivery of elective treatments.
- Increase timely access to planned care.
- Address unwarranted variation in access to planned care to ensure more consistent access to services across the country.
- Improved communications to patients about their planned treatment.
- Improve the way primary and community providers work together, such as improving access to radiology.

**Health NZ continues to outsource procedures to the private sector**, including a minimum of 20,000 general, 2,000 orthopaedic and 3,000 cataract surgeries.

## HOW TO FIND OUT MORE

Health agencies will report on progress each quarter. National and regional results will be published so New Zealanders will be able to see how their local hospital is performing. Performance information about the health system is available at the Health New Zealand and Ministry of Health websites [www.tewhatauora.govt.nz](http://www.tewhatauora.govt.nz) and [www.health.govt.nz](http://www.health.govt.nz). For more information on the Government Targets go to [www.dpmc.govt.nz](http://www.dpmc.govt.nz)