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Shorter stays in emergency departments

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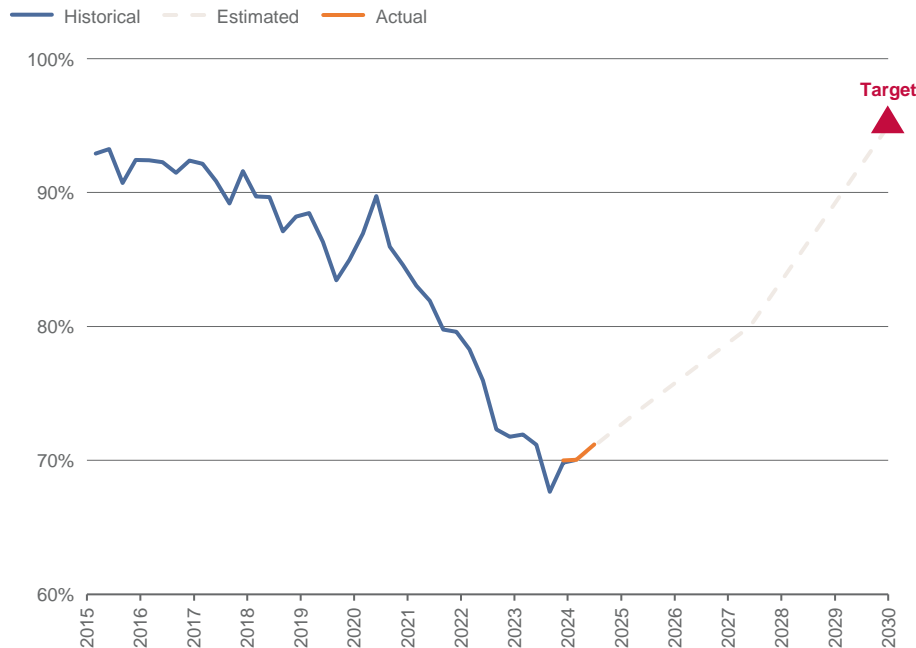
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TARGET DELIVERY PERFORMANCE - QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 2024

Target	Baseline (September 2023)	Current (June 2024)	Status
95%	68.0%	71.2%	 Feasible

PROGRESS TOWARDS TARGET

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TARGET DELIVERY ACTIONS

The Government is committed to providing timely access to quality healthcare for all New Zealanders. Results have improved since the last quarterly report.

The Health NZ Commissioner is focused on resetting the way Health NZ operates, primarily to address unacceptable waiting times.

Health NZ target implementation plan focuses on actions to:

- Improve patient flows through hospitals to ensure people get treated and discharged faster, safely and efficiently.
- Free up hospital capacity by putting in escalation and discharge pathways for patients with complex discharge needs.
- Enable primary care to treat more patients in the community.
- Stabilise urgent care provision to ensure consistent access to urgent care across the country, and to redesign for rural communities.
- Strengthen the workforce to stabilise and grow the urgent care, nursing, acute medical and surgical, midwifery, and allied health workforces; and improve international recruitment activity.

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 and www.health.govt.nz. For more information on the Government Targets go to www.dpmc.govt.nz

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