

# Shorter wait times for elective treatment

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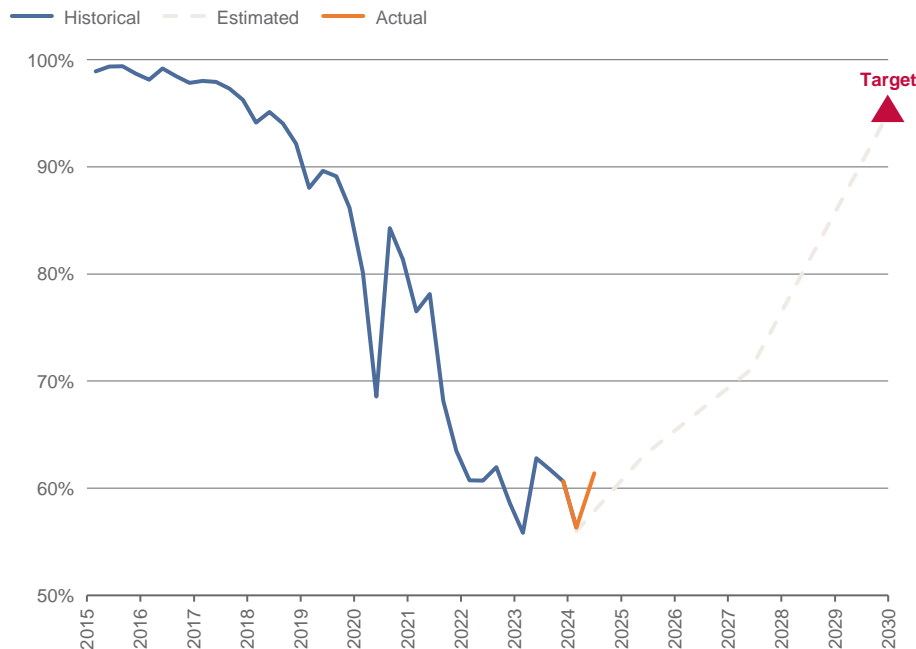
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## TARGET DELIVERY PERFORMANCE - QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 2024

Target	Baseline (September 2023)	Current (June 2024)	Status
95%	62.0%	61.4%	<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.** Results have improved since the last quarterly report but remains slightly below baseline.

**The Health NZ Commissioner** is 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.
- Improve local operational controls and consistent elective treatment booking and theatre scheduling.
- Increase timely access to planned care.
- Address unwarranted variation in access to planned care to ensure more consistent access to services across the country.
- Improve communications to patients about their planned treatment.
- Improve theatre utilisation and productivity, including reducing hospital-initiated day of surgery cancellations and elective cancellations and optimising elective capacity by reducing late starts and early finishes.

**Health NZ continues to outsource procedures to the private sector** with consistent pricing structures in effect from December 2024.

## 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)

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