The Aotearoa Aged Care Action Plan

Action Overview



Objective One

Sector-wide decisions are bipartisan and long-term in nature

- 1.1 Secure cross-government support for the objectives of this plan to ensure they are independent of the electoral cycle
- 1.2 Reduce the siloing of government departments and support unified funding, allowing the sector to act sector-wide

Objective Two

Holistic, spiritual care is integrated throughout the sector

- 2.1 Develop spiritual care guidelines for adoption throughout the care system
- 2.2 Ensure access to cultural and spiritual care is available through the sector

Objective Three

Funding for the sector creates options and choice for kaumātua and whānau, while being needs-based and equitably provided

- 3.1 Reassess means testing levels to ensure that available funding is spent appropriately
- 3.2 Funding for day programmes is separated from the carer respite programmes and is kaumātua-centred
- 3.3 Provide funding for engagement with allied health professionals

Objective Four

Housing Options for kaumātua are diversified, accessible, and affordable

- 4.1 Establish an infrastructure fund for the development of accessible, affordable rentals for kaumātua
- 4.2 Analyse the most effective way to fund supportive cohousing arrangements
- 4.3 Support lenders to provide finance to multigenerational and kaumātuacentred housing projects
- 4.4 Update the National Planning Framework guidelines (RMA) to include specific kaumātua housing provisions
- 4.5 Develop a specific joint strategy for addressing homelessness and housing insecurity in the over 65 population

Objective Five

Aged Residential Care facilities are sustainably funded to maintain and grow Standard beds

- 5.1 Replace the mechanism for agreeing the Maximum Contribution
- 5.2 Establish an infrastructure fund for the development and maintenance of Standard Beds

Objective Six

Aged Care is funded and supported in a flexible and mana-preserving

way

- 6.1 Undertake analysis on extending the Individualised Funding (IF) model to Aged Care
- 6.2 Family and community carers are supported in their own wellbeing via Mahi Aroha
- 6.3 Individuals living with dementia are supported via the Dementia Mate Wareware Plan
- 6.4 Cultural Safety training is implemented across the sector
- 6.5 Ensure consistent funding for palliative care

Objective Seven

Community is seen as and supported to be the core of service provision

- 7.1 Ensure the Aged Care providers are remunerated equitably to their hospital counterparts
- 7.2 Reconfigure funding parameters to allow for cross-departmental projects7.3 Community providers are supported to provide non-clinical, wellbeing focused services

Objective Eight

Needs Assessments are proactive, timely, and responsive to community and location

- 8.1 Fund the expansion and region-specificity of InterRAI as a tool for assessment
- 8.2 Return assessment authority to providers to increase responsiveness and timeliness
- 8.3 Increase numbers of NASC to increase assessment capacity

Objective Nine

Technology is embraced as a critical component of sustainable Aged Care

- 9.1 Support avenues for age-appropriate training in technology
- 9.2 Explore the opportunities for voice-activated technology in service provision and support
- 9.3 Utilise data from InterRAI to undergo proactive modelling for future service need