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Health minister defends spending level on Māori health

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Budget light on primary care detail, business adviser says

The Budget is "light on detail" on how the money committed in a general way to primary care will actually be spent, a business adviser says...**Read more**

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The New Zealand College of Midwives says it is disappointed midwifery rated barely a mention in Budget 2022 ...**Read more**

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Road and air ambulance services are waiting to see exactly how much money they'll each receive from Budget 2022...**Read more**

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Primary care leader welcomes Budget 2022's health IT funding

A Green Cross Health leader welcomes Budget funding for health IT but is frustrated by lack of movement on primary care nurse pay equity...**Read more**

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From New Zealand Aged Care Association

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From Lung Foundation

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From PSA

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From minister of finance Grant Robertson

Pre-Budget news stories

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Health will be the focus tomorrow, says finance minister Grant Robertson but the new national health system is likely to get the lion's share of attention, with little talk of primary care...**Read more**

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Budget 2022: 195,000 children set to benefit from more mental health support

Budget 2022 will continue to deliver on Labour's commitment to better mental wellbeing services and support, with 195,000 primary and intermediate aged children set to benefit from the continuation and expansion of Mana Ake services... **Read more**

From the health minister and the associate education minister

Budget 2022: Next steps for specialist mental health and addiction services

The upcoming Budget will include a \$100-million investment over four years for a specialist mental health and addiction package... **Read more**

From the health minister

Remembering what was in Budget 2021

The 2021 Budget, announced on 20 May, set aside nearly \$500 million to implement health reforms, giving less to the soon-to-be-defunct DHBs and providing funding boosts to several health workforces to address cost pressures, including primary care.

The Budget, dubbed the Wellbeing Budget 2021, was pitched by finance minister Grant Robertson as a continuation of New Zealand's recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the back of a better-than-expected economic performance.

Major new health investments

Vote Health **\$24.4 billion** in 2021/22 (vs estimated \$23.2 billion and a budgeted \$20.3 billion this year)

Health reforms **\$486 million** includes:

- locality networks **\$46 million**

- Health NZ **\$158.4 million**
- commissioning of kaupapa Māori services **\$126.8 million**
- creation of the Māori Health Authority **\$98 million**
- Iwi-Māori partnership boards **\$17.8 million**

COVID-19 vaccines **\$1.5 billion** includes:

- immunisation programme **\$357 million**

DHBs **\$2.7 billion** for cost pressures

One-off **\$700 million** for capital infrastructure

Primary care **\$186.06 million** for cost and volume pressures

Disability support services **\$399 million**

Pharmac **\$200 million**

HPV cervical cancer screening **\$53 million**

National bowel screening programme expansion **\$64.5 million**

More cochlear implants **\$28 million**

National breast screening programme IT **\$55.6 million**

Primary maternity services **\$17.2 million**

Assisted dying services **\$11.9 million** in 2021/22

New aged care commissioner **\$8.1 million**

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