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### **\$12.6 million upgrade announced for Waitematā DHB Central Sterile Services Department**

Waitematā DHB has welcomed a \$12.6 million cash injection to upgrade the Central Sterile Services Department (CSSD) at North Shore Hospital.

The funding comes from a \$12 billion infrastructure package, announced by the Government in 2020, in which \$300 million was earmarked for the health sector.

Waitematā DHB Chief Executive Dr Dale Bramley says the upgrade will enable the service to meet future demand as the local population grows.

Waitematā is the largest DHB in the country, serving a population of around 650,000 across the North Shore, Waitakere and Rodney areas. This number is expected to reach nearly 700,000 by 2025.

“North Shore Hospital’s CSSD sterilises more than two million medical devices each year for re-use in operations and other procedures across the DHB,” says Dr Bramley.

“This upgrade will support a more modern facility that will help strengthen health services in the rapidly growing Waitematā area.”

The announcement of the CSSD upgrade comes at the perfect time; the department will be busy over the coming years, with a number of exciting developments underway within the Waitematā district.

In February, the DHB celebrated the launch of Kia Ū Ora – Waitematā Breast Service, a centralised facility that provides a world-class level of assessment, diagnosis and multidisciplinary treatment for people with breast cancer and breast disorders.

March signalled the beginning of the official construction process for Tōtara Haumarū, with the official ‘turning of the sod’. The new, \$267 million four-storey hospital building will add 20,000 square metres of floor space to the North Shore campus and include an additional 120 beds, two new endoscopy suites and four more operating theatres.

April saw Government announce a \$40 million capital investment for a new 30-bed inpatient ward at Waitakere Hospital, due to start construction at the end of 2023. Likewise, April saw the opening of E Tū Tanekaha, Waitematā DHB’s new state-of-the-art 15-bed medium secure unit at the Mason Clinic.

Progress also continues on a major upgrade of Waitakere Hospital’s Special Care Baby Unit that will enable parents to stay overnight when their pēpi need specialist care. Similarly, E Tū Hinengaro, a new 60-bed unit at the Mason Clinic, is currently in the preliminary design phase. Work is also

underway to construct a whānau accommodation building at North Shore Hospital, for those who need to remain on site while their family members undergo care.

Waitematā DHB Board Chair Prof Judy McGregor says alongside existing DHB departments, many of these developments, both newly-established and in design and construction phases, require sterilisation services.

“The upgrade of our CSSD will build on the volume, scope and high-standard of care the DHB provides.

“This funding announcement is part of future-proofing our services for West Aucklanders and those who reside on the North Shore.”

Construction for the CSSD upgrade is due to start January 2022.

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