

Media Release

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Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand Waitematā

We're proud to announce our new name: Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand Waitematā.

We're still the same team, serving the same communities across Waitematā including Rodney, North Shore and Waitakere. With more than 630,000 people, we are the largest district in the country and provide services from North Shore and Waitakere hospitals and 30 community sites throughout Waitematā.

Te Whatu Ora was gifted to us by an expert advisory group, headed by pou tikanga Rahui Papa. You may have already seen Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand used in recent months.

Te Whatu Ora is 'the weaving of wellness'. Though there can be other conceptual interpretations of the name, one context for Te Whatu Ora is found in the weaving of culture – bringing two or more strands together to weave a basket; a basket of life.

In the weaving tradition, the whatu is the weaving process that brings together the aho (horizontal thread) and whenu (vertical thread).

Te Whatu Ora is the combining together of people, resources, organisations, thoughts and actions for the betterment and wellbeing of all.

Why was the name changed?

On 1 July 2022 Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand and Te Aka Whai Ora – Māori Health Authority became Aotearoa New Zealand's new national health authorities and Waitematā District Health Board (DHB) as an entity was disestablished and became part of Te Whatu Ora.

Te Whatu Ora and Te Aka Whai Ora have their own governance structures, therefore DHB Boards and Advisory Committees ceased to operate on 30 June 2022.

Te Whatu Ora and Te Aka Whai Ora are committed to delivering a health system that is simpler and more coordinated, allowing for better and more consistent care to support all New Zealanders to live longer and have the best possible quality of life.

For information about the governance of Te Whatu Ora and Te Aka Whai Ora please visit: tewhatauora.govt.nz and teakawhaiora.nz.

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