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Letter of intent to collaboratively develop proposals for primary care investment

In Budget 2018, the Government invested \$384.7 million over four years to address cost as a barrier to accessing general practice services for Community Service Card holders and children under 14. The Government has signalled an intention to continue to invest in primary care as a priority alongside a focus on achieving: equity for Māori and Pacific populations, child well-being, better mental health services, and strong public health services.

This letter records the intention of the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) and District Health Boards (DHBs) to use their best endeavours to develop proposals for investment in primary care in collaboration with Primary Health Organisations and their Contracted Providers in the context of the PSAAP Group, with the objective of providing agreed proposals to the Minister of Health (the Minister) as an input to decision-making for Budgets 2019 and 2020.

Such proposals will include:

- a) implementing primary care interventions to achieve health equity;
- b) addressing cost pressures for PHOs and Contracted Providers;
- c) amending the PHO funding formula to address both high need and complexity;
- d) investment in changes to the model of care and ICT infrastructure; and
- e) further investment to reduce the financial barriers to accessing primary care.

This letter of intent is made in good faith, to provide assurance that best efforts will be made by the Ministry and DHBs to work collaboratively with the primary care sector in the PSAAP Group to progress priorities.

This letter of intent does not commit the Minister or Ministry to making any particular funding decisions relating to primary care; and is not intended to prevent the Ministry, DHBs or any

other member of PSAAP, from providing its own advice or opinions to the Minister about primary care generally or any of the priority areas described above.

A draft work plan, timeline, and composition of the working group will be developed to accompany this letter and will be amended as necessary and approved by PSAAP.

Signed on behalf of

Ministry of Health:



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Acknowledgement

On behalf of the Primary Care PSAAP Negotiators, we acknowledge this Letter of Intent.

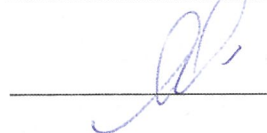
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