

## Extending access to primary care services from 1 December 2018 Information for general practices, PHOs and DHBs

**Bulletin Two: 11 October 2018**

Mauri ora ki a koutou

This is the second in a series of bulletins to inform general practices, PHOs and DHBs about steps that need to be taken so primary care changes can be introduced from 1 December 2018. For more information see the [PHO Services Agreement](#).

### What you need to know

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#### **The opt in / opt out template has been sent to PHOs and DHBs with this bulletin**

PHOs will be in touch with practices by **12 October** to begin gathering opt-in information for the CSC initiative.

By **30 October**, non-VLCA practices need to tell their PHO whether they are opting-in to the CSC initiative for 1 December 2018 or 1 January 2019.

By **14 November**, PHOs using the template need to tell DHBs and the two Ministry of Health (the Ministry) contacts listed below which practices are opting-in to the CSC initiative.

The template is populated with the current information of each practice. PHOs are asked to please review the information for each of your practices and confirm if practices are opting-in to the CSC initiative.

Please note that the under-13s scheme will become the under-14s scheme from 1 December 2018. Because of this, you do not need to provide advice on under-14s in the template. If practices have concerns please talk to your PHO.

**PHOs, please send additional contacts from your organisation to add to the bulletin distribution list.**

**Please send information back to the Ministry contacts: Rachael Bayliss**

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### Further information

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The Ministry of Health will continue to provide further bulletins to DHBs, PHOs and practices through to implementation. Practices may wish to talk to your PHO for more details, including information specific to your practice. Thank you for your support and action as we put in place initiatives to provide people with greater access to primary care.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.