

New Zealand Health Research Strategy

Update on implementation

Ministry of Health's role in implementing the Health Research Strategy

Strategic priority two

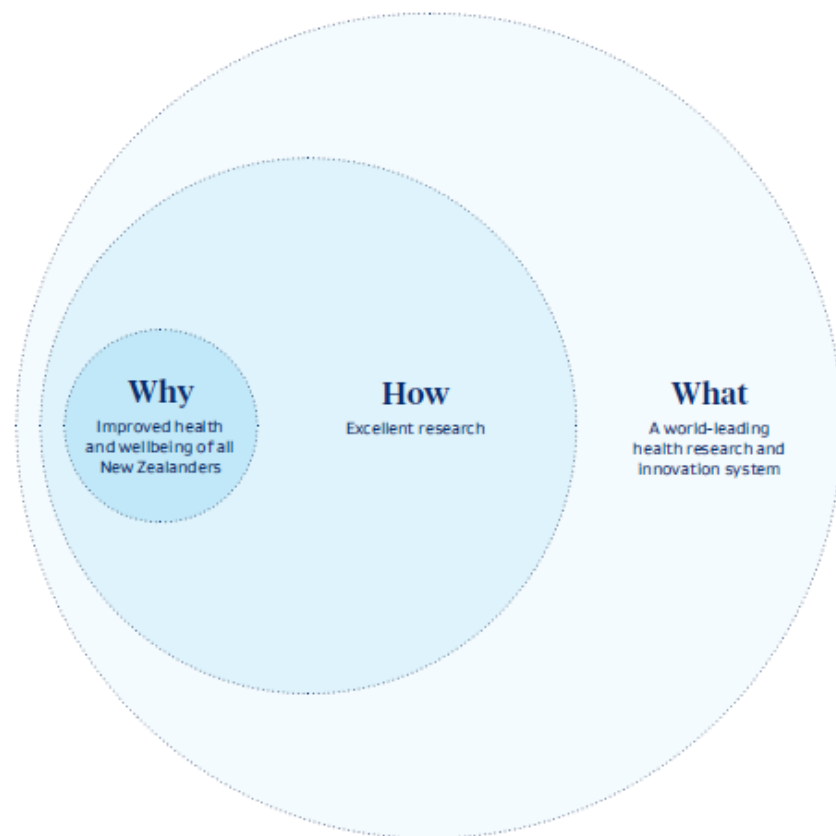
Create a vibrant research environment in the health sector by:

Action 5

- strengthening health sector participation in research and innovation

Action 6

- strengthening the clinical research environment and health services research



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Strategic priority three

Build and strengthen pathways for translating research findings into policy and practice by:

Action 7

- enabling and embedding translation across the health sector.

1. Translating ideas

Translating ideas from research by developing new products, processes and approaches

2. Uptake and implementation

Taking up and implementing those new products, processes and approaches in policy and practice

A world-leading system for translating research requires all of the following ingredients



Action 3 – Build and strengthen pathways for translating research findings into policy and practice

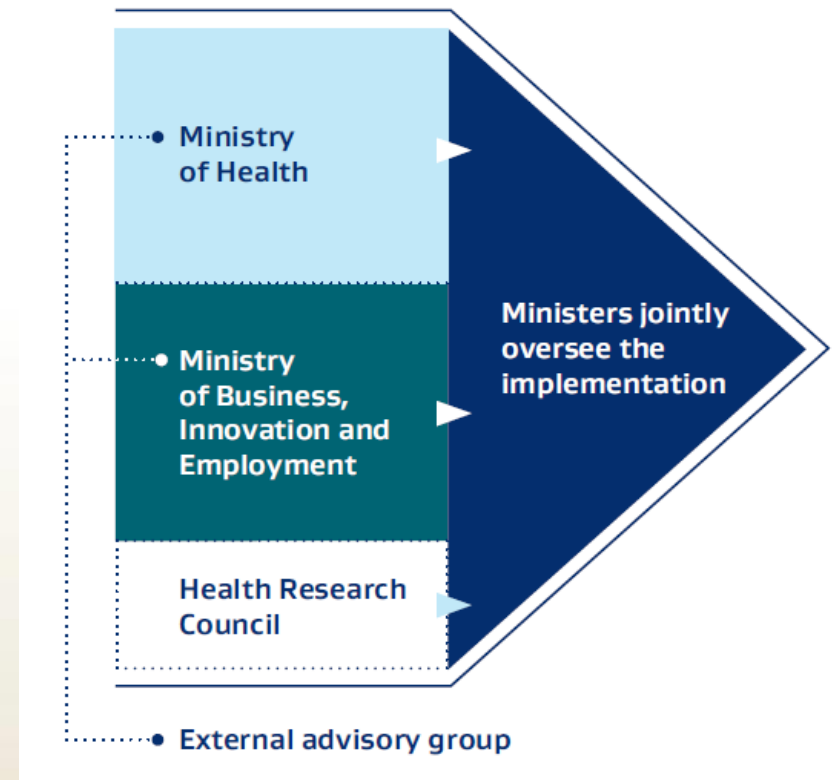
Clinical trials can support features of translation

- Evidence to establish the benefits of an intervention across populations and relative to other interventions.
 - Investment in quality improvement and evaluation to inform evidence-based practice.
 - Dissemination of research findings and innovations across the health sector.
 - Involvement of communities and consumers in the research process.
- Comparative effectiveness research
 - QI intervention cycles
 - Increased clinical trial networks
 - Increased consumer networks
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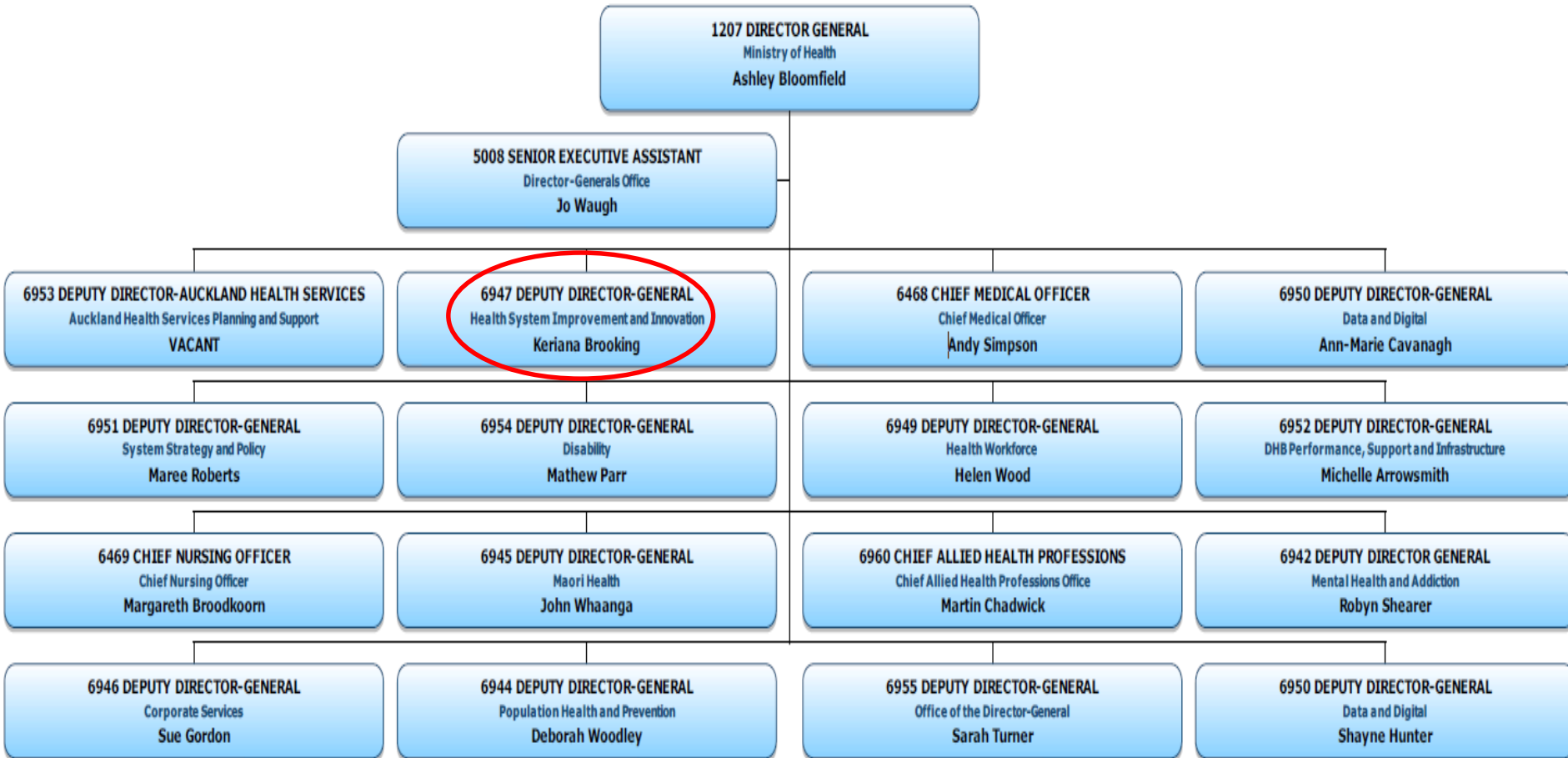
Key to successful implementation: relationship building and engagement

External

- HRC EC, Ministry of Health and NEAC working together on issues of national ethics significance
- Ministry of Health, WHO and NEAC working on global ethics
- NEAC, Ministry of Health and the HQSC working together on research and Quality Improvement ethics
- HRS Working Group
- HRS Steering Group
- HRS Expert Advisory Group
- Clinical trials workshop(s)



Internal organisation to support implementation



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As the scope and size of the activities span the Ministry, the programme (HRS implementation) will be governed by a **sub-committee of the Executive Leadership Team.**

The Ministry is also recruiting for a General Manager with responsibilities for HRS implementation across the business units of the Ministry, ensuring an internally joined up strategic approach.



Associated Projects

The Ministry is scoping work on implementing the priorities that support clinical trials

The Ministry also has a number of associated projects that are supporting the HRS implementation that have their own mandates and timeframes, but are key in supporting the clinical trials environment

- Therapeutics Products Bill – presented by Chris James
- Ethics guidelines update – presented by Nic Aagaard
- MoH review of ethics infrastructure
- Draft Digital Health Strategy
- National Health Information Platform

Ministry supporting clinical trial regulatory infrastructure

Health and Disability Ethics Committees

Restructured in 2012 following the 2011 clinical trial inquiry

Currently undergoing a further restructure for higher quality and efficiency of review

- Scoping new IT system, better user experience, new application forms, risk based review, better data and reporting functionality
 - Steering Committee to be established in 2019 to guide the work
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The ethics system will...

Protect participants

Easier to conduct
clinician led research

Support new
researchers

Make review of trials
easier for HDEC
members

Continue to have fast,
internationally
competitive ethics
review

Have safe and robust
scientific review

Be a feature that draws
commercial trials



Associated project - Virtual Health Information Network

- The [Virtual Health Information Network](#) facilitates sharing and collaboration amongst members of the network to enhance health research outputs and improve both health service delivery and health outcomes in New Zealand.
- This network intends to increase the value derived from health data collections, and strengthen health data as a resource for health research.



Summary

The Ministry has re-organised its internal structure to ensure research and innovation is part of core business, and is hiring staff to support work on implementation of the HRS *across* the Ministry

The Ministry is working across agencies, developing relationships and have agreed on a work programme in order to support HRS priorities

The Ministry is supporting associated projects that will positively impact the clinical trials sector

Continued engagement with sector:

- Clinical Trials workshop (NZ4RS)
 - NZACRES
 - ACTA workshop
 - MoH consultations + more
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