

Political Manifesto 2020

Asthma and Respiratory Foundation NZ wants to see the next government take respiratory illness seriously by setting the following target:

Reduce emergency visits for acute respiratory illnesses by 20% within 5 years (2025)

Te Pūnaha Hauora: Respiratory Wellness as a National Health Target

A reduction in acute respiratory hospitalisations



to be a health priority area for DHBs with a focus on reducing disparities

NZ wide **DHB standards**



for **respiratory care**

Real focus

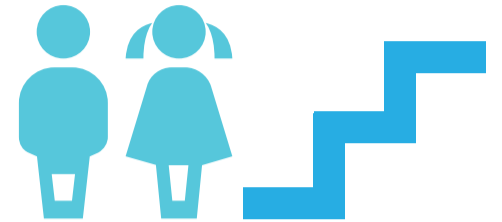


on identifying and addressing respiratory health inequities for **Māori and Pacific populations**

Te Pūnaha Hauora: Improved Respiratory Services in Primary Care



Linking primary care
Integrate reporting systems between hospitals, GP practices and community pharmacies



Health Pathways:

A nationwide government funded campaign for proactive identification and care of children with chronic respiratory disease

Te Pūnaha Hauora: Improved Access to Specialist Respiratory Services

Improved



access to sleep apnoea services



Improved access to **pulmonary rehabilitation**

Improve and standardise **funding and access**



to ventilation devices for at home use

Te Hapori Hauora: Preventative Respiratory Health Initiatives

Support universal **influenza immunisations**



Support research into **respiratory vaccine trials**



Support national surveillance for RSV infection by **extending the current influenza surveillance platform to include RSV**



Te Taiao: Tobacco Control



Support the development and implementation of a comprehensive action plan with key measures to achieve Smokefree Aotearoa 2025:

“Achieving smokefree Aotearoa by 2025”

- Measures to substantially **reduce the availability, appeal, palatability, and addictiveness** of smoked tobacco products
- **Greater investment in public education campaigns and cessation services** to reduce uptake of smoking and to prompt and support smokers to quit, particularly among priority populations
- **Regulation of vaping/e-cigarettes/heated tobacco products** to minimise their use by youth and introduce product safety requirements

Te Hapori Hauora: Respiratory Workforce Development

Promote educational and clinical initiatives



to better manage **COPD and asthma**

Invest in respiratory related workplace development & **training programmes**



Whānau Ora: Health Literacy



Improve access to age and culturally appropriate education and resources on respiratory health

Support the recommendations of the **He Māramatanga Huangō Report**



Developing community based and culturally appropriate support **at all levels**

Te Taiao: Healthy Housing to Reduce Respiratory Illness

Reduce homelessness and inferior rental accommodation conditions, particularly among the most vulnerable e.g. young, chronically sick, Māori, Pacific, and low income groups



Rental properties to meet Housing Warrant of Fitness Standards:

- Well insulated
- Well ventilated
- Adequate fixed heating
- Free from mould

Te Taiao: Clean Air to Improve Lung Function

Ban the use of **unflued gas heaters indoors**



Reduce pollution from solid fuel burning for home heating & industrial use



A reduction in traffic pollutants



Monitoring of **NO₂, PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ pollutants** in real time



and a call for a nationally funded strategy to enhance air quality