

29 July 2022

Healthy Homes Initiative

Coming to a region near you

Interested organisations/providers are invited to attend a meeting on the Healthy Homes Initiative:

Date: Monday 5th of September 2022

Time: 10am – 2pm

Location: Richmond Health Hub,
281 Queen St, Richmond
(Level 1, Meeting Room 2)

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In the 2021 budget, the Government announced additional funding to roll-out the Healthy Homes Initiative (HHI) nationwide from July 2022. This meeting will explain more about the HHI, our approach, the opportunity in your region and provide an opportunity for your questions to be answered in person.

Background Information

The HHI was established in December 2013, and currently covers 11 district health board (DHB) regions.

The aim of the HHI is to ensure children (and their whānau) are living in warm, dry, and healthy homes, to reduce avoidable hospitalisations and ill health due to housing-related conditions. HHI providers identify eligible whānau/aiga, undertake a housing/whānau assessment and then work across services and agencies to facilitate access to a range of interventions, such as insulation, curtains, heaters, and private/community/public housing relocation if required.

National and local partnerships and collaboration has been key to the success and impact of this initiative, for example, across Government agencies such as Kāinga Ora - Homes and Communities and Ministry of Social Development, and across a range of local community organisations and programmes.

The initiative focuses on low-income whānau, specifically:

- pregnant women
- children between 0 and 14 who've been hospitalised with a specified housing-related condition
- those with past episodes of rheumatic fever and/or multiple GAS pharyngitis (combined with evidence of household crowding)
- families with children also between 0 and 5 for whom at least two of the social investment risk-factors apply.

Key Facts about the HHI

- To date, over 28,000 tamariki have been seen by HHI providers
- Over 105,000 whānau members have been seen by HHI providers
- 75% of referrals to the HHI have been either Māori or Pacific people
- Over 90,000 interventions received. These interventions include education, beds, bedding, curtains, draft stopping, heating, insulation, and houses.
- An outcome evaluation showed us that for every 10 children referred to the HHI, there is estimated to be one fewer hospitalisation, six fewer GP visits and six fewer filled prescriptions over the following 12 months.

More information on the Healthy Homes Initiatives:

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/preventative-health-wellness/healthy-homes-initiative>

<https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/healthy-living/warmer-drier-homes>

HHI evaluation

<https://www.health.govt.nz/publication/healthy-homes-initiative-outcomes-evaluation-service-initial-analysis-health-outcomes-interim-report>

If you have questions for any of the existing HHI providers, please use the contacts provided on the Ministry of Health website under *HHI provider locations*.

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/preventative-health-wellness/healthy-homes-initiative>

We look forward to seeing you on Monday 5th of September at 10am

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