

Evaluation of two tools used for waitlist prioritisation  
for planned care in Health New Zealand – Te Whatu Ora

## Appendix 5: Northern tool governance

March 2024

The Northern Equity Adjustor was initially developed at Auckland Te Toka Tumai Auckland. The titles of the membership of the Auckland Te Toka Tumai Auckland working group entitled the 'Pro-Equity Prioritisation Meeting' that was established in August 2022 are listed below:

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Interim Director Provider Services,  
Te Toka Tumai

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Director Surgical Services  
Group Manager, Planned Care,  
Hospital & Specialist Services

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General Manager, Surgical & Support Services  
Te Tai Tokerau previously Northland

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Director Iwi Relationships – Acting GM Māori,  
Te Tai Tokerau previously Northland

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Equity Partner Quality, Safety and Risk,  
Te Toka Tumai

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Performance Director, Performance  
Improvement, Te Toka Tumai

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General Manager, Waitematā

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General Manager Surgery, Anaesthesia and  
Perioperative Services, Counties Manukau

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SMO, Emergency Medicine, Counties Manukau

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Programme Manager, performance  
Improvement, Te Toka Tumai

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Director, Māori Health Provider Services  
Te Toka Tumai

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Te Toka Tumai Māori Health Lead,  
Surgical Services

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### Regional Equity Adjustor – Waitlist Oversight Group

#### Overview

A Northern Region Steering Group entitled 'Regional Equity Adjustor – Waitlist Oversight Group' was subsequently established in February 2023 by the Regional Provider Group to progress a common approach to addressing inequity on the Northern region collective waiting lists. The Equity Adjustor tool was one component of this work. Another key component was refinement of the regional Access, Booking and Choice policy. Part of the role of the Steering Group was to debate and therefore understand the Adjustor tool as it was determined that application required local factors. An existing group to explore how to develop "treat in turn" to "treat in right order" was rolled into the Steering Group given treatment in right order included an equity focus as per the Planned Care Taskforce report. Each meeting focused on local updates. Each district was in charge of its own implementation plan within the overarching ethos of reducing inequity on the waiting lists.

## Membership

Role description	Health New Zealand – Te Whatu Ora District or Organisation
(Co-Chair), Director Surgical Services, Group Manager, Planned Care, Hospital & Specialist Services	Auckland Te Toka Tumai
(Co-Chair), Chief Medical Officer and Surgeon	Counties Manukau
Interim Director Provider Services	Northland Te Tai Tokerau
Kaiwhakahaere Māori	Northland Te Tai Tokerau
Associate Director Scientific, Technical and Allied Health	Northland Te Tai Tokerau
Interim General Manager, Surgical Services	Northland Te Tai Tokerau
General Manager	Waitematā
Acting Head of Analytics, Lead Information Analyst	Waitematā
Director of Nursing Māori	Waitematā
Project Manager, Oranga Coordinator	Waitematā
Programme Director, Performance Improvement	Auckland Te Toka Tumai
Māori Health Lead, Surgical Services	Auckland Te Toka Tumai
Associate General Manager, Greenlane	Auckland Te Toka Tumai
Manager, Production Planning	Auckland Te Toka Tumai
General Manager Surgery, Anaesthesia and Perioperative Services	Counties Manukau
Consultant Radiologist	Counties Manukau
Project Manager	Northern Region Support Services
Regional Programme Manager, Planned Care	Northern Regional Support Services

## **Auckland Te Toka Tumai Equity Adjustor Governance Committee – information below taken from the Terms of Reference**

The Auckland Te Toka Tumai Governance Committee was convened in August 2023, with the following roles and responsibilities:

- Review requests for adjustments to the equity adjustor for specific services
- Review implementation across services (including booking order)
- Monitor current settings of the adjustor across the planned care space to ensure achievement of objectives
- Socialising and training of equity adjustor and purpose

The group membership includes:

- Clinical Director and Māori Health Lead (Surgical)
- GM Planned Care
- Representatives of Kaiārahi Nāhi
- Representatives of Pacific Navigator Team
- 2x SMOs (Surgeon, Child Health)
- Clinical Director and Māori Health Lead (CV)
- Senior Business Intelligence Consultant
- Surgical Planning Manager
- Performance Improvement Lead