The New Zealand Palliative Care Strategy

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II About the strategy

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The approach: How does the department plan to use the broader environment in which it exists (element 1) to leverage its strengths and embrace its weaknesses (element 2) so that it can provide benefits in accordance with its vision (element 3)?

The approach is to fund palliative care in a systematic way by focusing DHBs’ and MoH’s attention and investment on essential services for dying people and flexible service configuration.

Read more about the GDS’s vision on page vii. Is the strategy illustrated? No.

III Assessing stakeholder usefulness

If a public servant new to the policy area had an hour to read this GDS, would they be able to understand the approach (element 4) and the implementation and review processes (element 5)?

The key points of the issue are clearly explained, and the GDS discusses where it fits within the overall strategic context of MoH. The outcomes sought could be more specific, and time measured, but there is sufficient information to understand how they will be achieved.

If an uninformed member of the public had 30 minutes to read this GDS, would they be able to understand the purpose (element 3), the approach (element 4), the implementation and review processes (element 5) and how this approach fits with the broader goals of government (element 6)?

The overall purpose and strategic outcomes are made clear. It is a relatively long and technical strategy, but the structure is very good. The appendices provide information on how the GDS was devised. There is no comprehensive discussion of review processes.