

SI PICS Update

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Health Minister approves SI PICS regional solution

The South Island DHBs have been given the green light to implement the regional Patient Information Care System (PICS).

The South Island Alliance is supporting all South Island DHBs to roll this out in coming years.

Health Minister Tony Ryall said he was satisfied that the proposed development met the requirements for government investment in technology;

“I fully support your vision to have common systems across the South Island.”

The programme business case has also been endorsed by the Capital Investment Committee, the organisation responsible for prioritisation and allocation of health capital investment in New Zealand’s health sector.

Planning sessions prove fruitful

Planning timeframes for the Burwood and NMDHB implementations have been established at recent planning sessions between Orion and the regional programme team. SI PICS Programme Manager, Nick Lanigan said these sessions were very beneficial;

“We took the opportunity to nut out some details, plan the workload and implementation and align our new Foundation Document to the development timeframe.”

The core Functional Design Group have revised the Foundation Document, incorporating feedback from all South Island DHBs. The document outlines the critical functionality of the PICS and has now been approved by all DHBs.

CDHB Project Update

The development of CDHB’s business case is making good progress and the draft document has been made available to the business case team for their review. Bookings are being made for the various approval levels. CDHB Information Services Group Project Director, Matthew Long said it was due to go to the Executive Management Team in May.

“When approved, we expect the business case to be presented to the CDHB Board in June. Preparation is also underway for an upcoming Gateway Review,” he said.

Project management recruitment for CDHB’s local implementation of PICS is heading to the final stages.

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NMDHB project update

NMDHB's business case development is underway and an initial planning and benefits workshop was held in March to kick start the work involved in creating the business case.

NMDHB PICS Project Manager, Helen Jordan was pleased with the progress and said it was great to get so many key people together at this early stage.

"We are progressing well with the business case development and getting key members of staff onto the various groups involved in the design stage."

The NMDHB business case is scheduled to be presented to the IT Governance Group and Executive Leadership Team in May, and the NMDHB Board in June.

A demo coming to a hospital near you

In the upcoming months, the South Island Alliance PICS team will be heading around the region to offer a demonstration of how the PICS will provide a more streamlined patient journey and help to coordinate care between different hospitals and providers around the South Island.

A representative from Orion Health will be meeting with key lead users at a hospital near you. Contact your local PICS member for more information or [email](#) Maria Smith at the South Island Alliance Programme Office.