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Primary Care Phasing Options

Note: Numbers in the table below are illustrative based on using Treasury top down estimates of cost pressures and indicative Ministry of Health estimates for manifesto commitments.

| Scenario A | | | | | Scenario B | | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--|
| Do all primary care commitments in Budget 18 | | | | | Do some primary care commitments in Budget 18 | | | | |
| Undertake primary care review | | | | | Undertake primary care review | | | | |
| | | | | | Do remaining commitments in Budget 19 | | | | |
| \$m | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2021/22 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2021/22 | |
| Proposed increase in health funding (from fiscal plan) | 846 | 1,535 | 2,361 | 3,157 | 846 | 1,535 | 2,361 | 3,157 | |
| Operating cost pressures (Treasury estimates) | | | | | | | | | |
| [33] | | | | | | | | | |
| Other | 41 | 41 | 41 | 41 | 41 | 41 | 41 | 41 | |
| | 860 | 1,627 | 2,403 | 3,202 | 860 | 1,627 | 2,403 | 3,202 | |
| Manifesto commitments - primary care | | | | | | | | | |
| Extending VLCA subsidy to CSCs not in VLCA | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | |
| [38] | | | | | | | | | |
| Commission primary care review | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Increase funding for GP training | [38] | | | | | | | | |
| Funding for \$10 reduction in non-VLCA fees | | | | | | | | | |
| Free doctor's visits for under 14s | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | |
| Annual health check for Gold Card holders | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | |
| [38] | | | | | | | | | |
| | 324 | 324 | 324 | 324 | 75 | 324 | 324 | 324 | |
| Manifesto commitments - other | | | | | | | | | |
| [33] | | | | | | | | | |
| Mental health Canterbury kids | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | |
| Extend school based health services | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | |
| [33] | | | | | | | | | |
| Mental health inquiry | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | |
| [33] | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | [33] | | | | | | | | |
| Difference | | | | | | | | | |

Key points

- Phasing provides for some actions in Budget 18 e.g. extending VLCA to Community Services Card holders not in VLCA practices and defers other manifesto commitments to Budget 19.
- Creates room to manage fiscal pressures in Budget 18 and out years.
- Allows for the primary care review to deliver reform for best achieving the Government's objectives over the longer-term with funding available to respond to the review's findings.
- Provides more time for the sector to manage implementation issues.