



# Healthy Homes Initiative

## Coming to a region near you

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

Interested organisations/providers should register by 11 October 2021 via the following registration link: [Healthy Homes Initiative \(HHI\) Roadshows - 6 locations \(lilregie.com\)](https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/preventative-health-wellness/healthy-homes-initiative)

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### 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 ill health due to housing-related conditions. HHI providers identify eligible whānau/aiga, undertake a housing/whānau assessment and work to facilitate access to a range of interventions, to help make their homes healthier.

National and local partnerships and collaboration has been key to the success and impact of this initiative.

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 24,000 children have been referred to the programme and
- over 74,000 interventions (such as curtains and draft stopping) have been delivered
- 75 percent of referrals to the HHI have been either Māori or Pacific people
- 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.

### Roadshow dates/locations

**New Plymouth** – Wednesday 27 October 2021

**Whanganui** – Thursday 28 October 2021

**Palmerston North** – Friday 29 October 2021

**Nelson** – Tuesday 2 November 2021

**Christchurch** – Thursday 4 November 2021

**Dunedin** – Friday 5 November 2021

If COVID-19 and alert levels prevent the face-to-face regional roadshows, we will host 1-2 virtual sessions. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you posted.

### 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'.

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We look forward to seeing you at a roadshow near you!