

Health

Area Health Boards Act 1983

Delegation of Functions of Department of Health to Palmerston North Area Health Board

Pursuant to section 36 (2) of the Area Health Boards Act 1983, I, George Cockburn Salmond, Director-General of Health, hereby delegate, with the consent of the Minister of Health, to the Palmerston North Area Health Board the functions of the Department of Health specified in Part A of the Schedule to this delegation, subject to the conditions set out in Part B of the Schedule to this delegation.

Schedule

Part A

Delegated Functions

Health Act 1956

Functions:

To advise local authorities in matters relating to public health, so far as those local authorities are charged with the care of the public health; to prevent, limit and suppress infectious and other diseases; to promote or carry out researches and investigations in relation to matters concerning the public health and the prevention or treatment of disease; to carry out inspections of factories within the meaning of the Factories and Commercial Premises Act 1981 in relation to matters concerning the public health and the prevention or treatment of disease, and to carry out all such inspections as may be required or authorised by or under any other Act; to organise and control medical, dental and nursing services, so far as such services are paid for out of public money; to take such steps as may be desirable to secure the preparation, effective carrying out, and co-ordination of measures conducive to the public health,—all in the following respects:

Health Information, Planning and Programme Development

1. The regular review of the health status of the population having regard to the determinants of health, and identifying the following:

- Significant risk factors:
- Priority groups:
- Preventable aspects of:

- (a) Ill-health;
- (b) Disability;
- (c) Premature death patterns.

2. The assessment of the health needs of the population and the available resources, the setting of health objectives and priorities, and the development of approaches and programmes to deal with health issues and the reduction of risks of, and preventable aspects of,—

- (a) Ill-health;
- (b) Disability;
- (c) Premature death.

3. Preparation and provision of statistics as required by the Director-General of Health, including information for the purposes of developing or monitoring programmes for the Department of Health or for the purposes of international co-operation in the field of health.

4. Promoting, undertaking and reviewing research for health planning, policy-making and service development.

5. The evaluation of the structure, process, outcome and impact of health programmes including participation in quality assurance activity.

Community Health Development

6. Facilitating community development and self-help, including the administration of the Community Health Initiatives Funding Scheme, so as to encourage health and minimise health risks.

7. The promotion and protection of healthy lifestyles through a healthy environment, healthy families and whanau, and healthy communities.

8. Developing and supporting networks of health-related agencies, groups and workers.

9. Maintaining an awareness of the activities, plans and policies of health agencies, industry and other sectors, and collaborating with them to maximise health outcomes.

10. Providing advice and assistance on environmental aspects of health, including participation in regional and district planning processes and civil defence activities, to local authorities and other organisations.

11. Assisting with planning and support of health education programmes and support for health education in schools.

12. The promotion of a high level of oral health for the whole community.

Health Standards

13. The promotion of a high standard of environmental health by the surveillance and evaluation of—

(a) Public water supplies and community water supplies, and the methods of treatment of such water supplies:

(b) All methods of the collection, conveyance, disposal and treatment of sewage and other human waste:

(c) Solid waste collection and disposal systems, and the management of such systems:

(d) Hazardous waste disposal systems and the management of such systems:

(e) The effectiveness of pest control:

(f) The noise climate:

(g) Odour emission, and other undesirable emissions, to the atmosphere:

(h) The use of chemicals in agriculture, the community and industry:

(i) Environmental working conditions, and the control of hazards at work:

(j) Occupational hearing loss:

(k) Standards of care in old peoples' homes and private hospitals:

(l) The sanitary conditions of dwellings, boarding houses, hostels, motels, camping grounds, coastal shipping vessels, and commercial vessels:

(m) The public health standards at chartered clubs and other licensed premises, childcare centres, hairdressers' premises, and swimming pools:

(n) Port sanitation, including passenger terminal facilities, cargo workers' canteens, and all wharves and related buildings:

(o) Crematoria—

and the provision of advice and assistance to local authorities, in relation to the matters specified in paragraphs (a) to (o) of this clause, and the undertaking of such other action as may be necessary to achieve and maintain that standard.

14. Ensuring preventive action, early detection, monitoring, investigation and control of communicable diseases and occupational diseases, in particular those communicable diseases and occupational diseases that are notifiable, by

— The isolation and treatment of cases:

— Contact tracing:

— Screening: