

- 1. Can our Needs Assessment referrals to Te Whatu Ora be prioritised for Dementia Patients with the funding?**
 - The Needs Assessment Service Coordination (NASC) agencies prioritise referrals based on an individual's need (ie, very low, low, medium, high or very high).
 - The Budget 2022 initiative provides funding for three services: post-diagnostic supports, navigators and respite care. The Budget 2022 funding has not been allocated for needs assessment services.

- 2. Did you mean 16 dementia navigation services? or FTE? if the latter, how are 16 FTE dementia navigators throughout New Zealand going to make an effective difference?**
 - The Budget 2022 initiative includes provision for 16 FTE Navigator positions that are likely to be aligned with the post-diagnostics support trials. A key function of their role is to coordinate access to support for those living with mate wareware, their whānau and carers.

- 3. Is there anything in the action plans for the Asian population given their prevalence of dementia is also going to increase significantly?**
 - The Action Plan acknowledges that limited services exist for some groups, including the Asian population.
 - To address this, the Action Plan proposes the following:
 - Work with colleagues involved with other key non-communicable diseases and population health to design and implement a health promotion programme that is tailored to each ethnic group, delivered in a culturally appropriate way, addresses the unequal social determinants of health, and promotes brain health for all people in Aotearoa.
 - Commission and/or deliver equitable, tailored, person-directed, culturally appropriate and quality-assured support services for people with dementia mate wareware, whānau, and care partners based on holistic healthcare models.
 - Ensure information on dementia mate wareware is freely available, in accessible formats and in te reo Māori to support individuals, their whānau and carers to make informed decisions.
 - A Dementia Mate Wareware Governance Ecosystem has been established that includes two components, the Dementia Mate Wareware Leadership and Advisory Group and the Dementia Mate Wareware Network. The role of these groups is to advise on the successful implementation of the Action Plan as well as decide what its priorities are. More information can be found in the link here: <https://www.nzdementia.org/Dementia-Ecosystem/Dementia-Mate-Wareware-Network>

4. Touched briefly on end of life - one slide with the icons demonstrated a continuum but stopped at ageing. Where does end of life link in with this Action Plan specific to end of life for dementia conditions?

- In our new proposed 'life span' groupings, we have 'Starting Well', 'Living Well' 'Ageing Well' and 'Mentally Well'. 'Dying well' is a subset of 'Living Well' to acknowledge this is an important part of life in its own right and to recognise that end of life can occur at any age.
- We propose that end of life links into objective two of the Action Plan to support people living with dementia mate wareware, their whānau and care partners to live their best possible lives. Specifically, the Action Plan includes:
 - Commission and/or deliver equitable, tailored, person-directed, culturally appropriate and quality-assured support services for people with dementia mate wareware, whānau, and care partners based on holistic health models of health.
 - Improve the design, quality and availability of existing community and home-based services so they support people living with dementia mate wareware to remain at home with autonomy, dignity, and independence.
 - Dementia mate wareware navigation services to coordinate and support access to needed services including emergency support, so people have as smooth as possible journey through the course of their dementia mate wareware and get the services they need that are right for them.
 - Support for whānau and care partners through information, education, support, and flexible, available and accessible respite services.

5. Are there plans to make nursing a more attractive option as there are so many gaps in nursing?

- Te Whatu Ora is committed to strengthening service delivery and expanding the nursing workforce. The following initiatives are taking place:
 - Additional funding to increase wages of nursing staff in the community from 1 April 2023.
 - Prioritisation of health and disability workers in New Zealand's immigration Green List to make it easier for employers to hire and attract skilled migrants to address workforce shortages.
 - Increased funding of the Nurse Practitioners Training Programme to support Nurse Practitioners to enter the workforce. The programme currently supports 50 Nurse Practitioners per year and this number is expected to double through increased funding.

6. Is disability assessment and support being included in dementia post-diagnostic pathways - to ensure equal access to the UNCRPD for people with dementia - which the WHO states are a major cause for disability globally?

- The Budget 22 initiative is focused on post-diagnostic supports, navigator services and respite care for people with dementia mate wareware. Specifically, the following groups will be prioritised; Māori, Pacific people, people living in rural areas and people with younger onset dementia mate wareware.
- However, the Action Plan states services must acknowledge and respond to the unique needs of other special groups within Aotearoa New Zealand's population including people living with physical, intellectual, and developmental disabilities.