

# Golden Bay Community Health - Te Hauora o Mohua

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## **Integration health group to firm up project plans**

The Golden Bay Health integration project will spend the next few weeks firming up on information relating to the proposed site, building layout and staffing needs.

At the group's last meeting of the year on Monday it identified what is required to complete the business case to develop an integrated health care facility to provide primary, hospital and rest home health care services for Golden Bay.

"We've always recognised that to make this work we need to achieve some efficiencies and better coordination", chair of the integrated management group John Peters said. "We now have a lot of information but there are some things we need to be clear on so we can make some decisions.

"To update the business case so the key stakeholders can commit to integration, we must have certainty around the financial viability and sustainability of the integrated service."

Mr Peters said this requires:

- Agreement on which site is best, after clarifying purchase and development costs
- Agreement on building footprint and layout, which will firm up costs and staffing needs
- Confirming organisation design, to build in feedback from staff consultation and the staffing needed for the building layout
- Confirming income and funding arrangements
- Finalising the trust deed, including clarifying the management services arrangements.

Mr Peters said the Open Days consultation is being followed up with talks with staff around the building layout and size. "This may require some compromise in terms of both layout and overall space to achieve the benefits of integration and ensure its affordability."

A workshop is planned for January so staff can thrash out how the building can work.

The group will also be analysing the community feedback received through the feedback forms provided at the Open Days and in the GB Weekly and on the website [www.gbhealth.org.nz](http://www.gbhealth.org.nz).

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