

NATIONAL'S HEALTH REPORT CARD 2017

Average adult GP fee up **32%** under National.

GOING TO THE DOCTOR: Last year, over half a million Kiwis didn't visit their GP because it was too expensive.

Labour will reduce GP fees by \$10, meaning that half of New Zealanders pay \$8 a visit or less.

58,000 Kiwis denied a specialist appointment

SEEING A SPECIALIST: Last year, 58,000 people were referred to a specialist by their GP but were denied an appointment meaning they didn't get the operation or other treatment they needed.

Labour will reverse National's \$2.3 billion underfunding of health, so the resources will be there for Kiwis to get the care they need.

1 in 5 Kiwis with cancer wait over eight weeks for treatment

GETTING CANCER TREATMENT: Some patients are waiting six months just for a CT scan. Cancer is responsible for a third of all deaths, with diagnoses set to grow by 45% by 2030.

Labour will set up a National Cancer Agency to ensure Kiwis get world-class cancer treatment and end the 'post-code lottery'.

Highest youth suicide rate in the developed world

GETTING HELP WITH MENTAL HEALTH: Last year, 606 New Zealanders committed suicide, up 14% since 2009. Last year, 1,500 children and teens waited over eight weeks for their first mental health appointment.

Labour will invest in nurses in schools and free primary mental health care so that people who need help can get it early.

30,000 children hospitalised every year due to cold, damp housing

CHILD HEALTH: On average 20 children die and 30,000 are hospitalised every year from preventable, housing-related diseases like asthma, pneumonia and bronchiolitis.

Labour will require all rentals to be warm, dry, and healthy to live in. We will offer grants of up to \$2,000 for installing insulation or heating.

Health needs **\$6.7b** just to stand still over next 4 years

UNDERFUNDED HEALTH SYSTEM: Since 2010, National has underfunded health by \$2.3 billion less than needed to keep up with inflation, population growth and ageing.

Labour will invest \$8 billion in the health system, to keep up with need and also improve the services for New Zealanders.