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TRAIN 5, KEEP 5

Fund two more neurologists each year.
Keep the neurologists New Zealand trains.



CORE PROBLEM

5 neurologists trained each year. Only 3 public roles available.
2 lost to private hospitals or overseas.

Train 5
Fund 3
Lose 2

We have:

68

neurologists
(we need 98 right now!)

We will need

122

neurologists by 2036
(and a plan to get there)

International comparison —
New Zealand is falling behind

New Zealand:
1 per 74,600

Australia:
1 per 41,000

Europe
1 per 14,000

IMPACT When we don't act, the cost grows \$\$

Delayed care leads to deterioration, hospitalisation, and disability

Greater pressure on GPs and the wider system

- More disability
- More avoidable hospital admissions
- Worse outcomes for people affected by neurological conditions
- Cost to New Zealand keeps rising

WHY IT MATTERS Neurological care is already under pressure

1.5 MILLION

New Zealanders live with a neurological condition

80%

do not get the regular review they need from a neurologist

22%

of emergency department presentations are neurological

SOLUTION

Solution – Train 5
Keep 5

A workforce plan for

2036

- ✓ Less disability
- ✓ Fewer hospital admissions
- ✓ Better outcomes for people affected by neurological conditions
- ✓ Reduced economic burden on NZ
- ✓ Lives saved

To discuss your commitment to improving neurological healthcare, contact Rich Easton, Chair of the Neurological Alliance: rich.easton@Neurological.org.nz