



Health Quality Measures

- a shared resource for the future



There is no current common framework for health measurements and quality reporting in New Zealand. A large and diverse range of activity exists around measures in the sector though there is no current standardised way of positioning and delivering the material.

Currently:

- **Measures** exist for different purposes
- There are **conflicting definitions** of supposed “like” measurements
- The lack of consistency of measurements or their definition restricts comparison for quality and safety purposes.

Health Quality Measures New Zealand (HQMNZ) has been developed with a multi-disciplinary and clinically led group from the sector as a common place to hold measures, make measures available and a standardised way of developing, presenting and testing new measures based on best-practice and a proven stakeholder engagement process.

Health Quality Measures New Zealand presents an opportunity for the sector to have a consistent framework for health measurements.

The Health Quality and Safety Commission (HQ&SC) has recently agreed to adopt and support HQMNZ as the mechanism for disseminating measures of quality to the sector and work is underway to move the project from proof of concept to implementation.

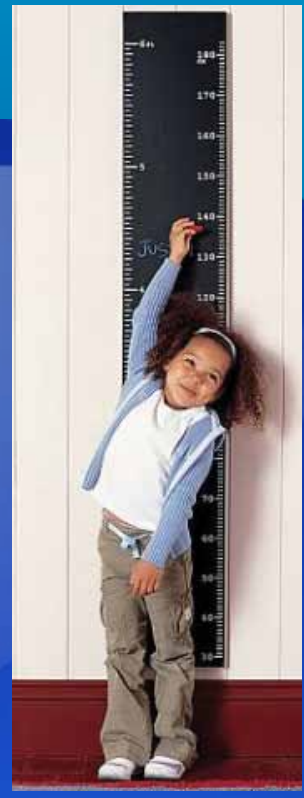
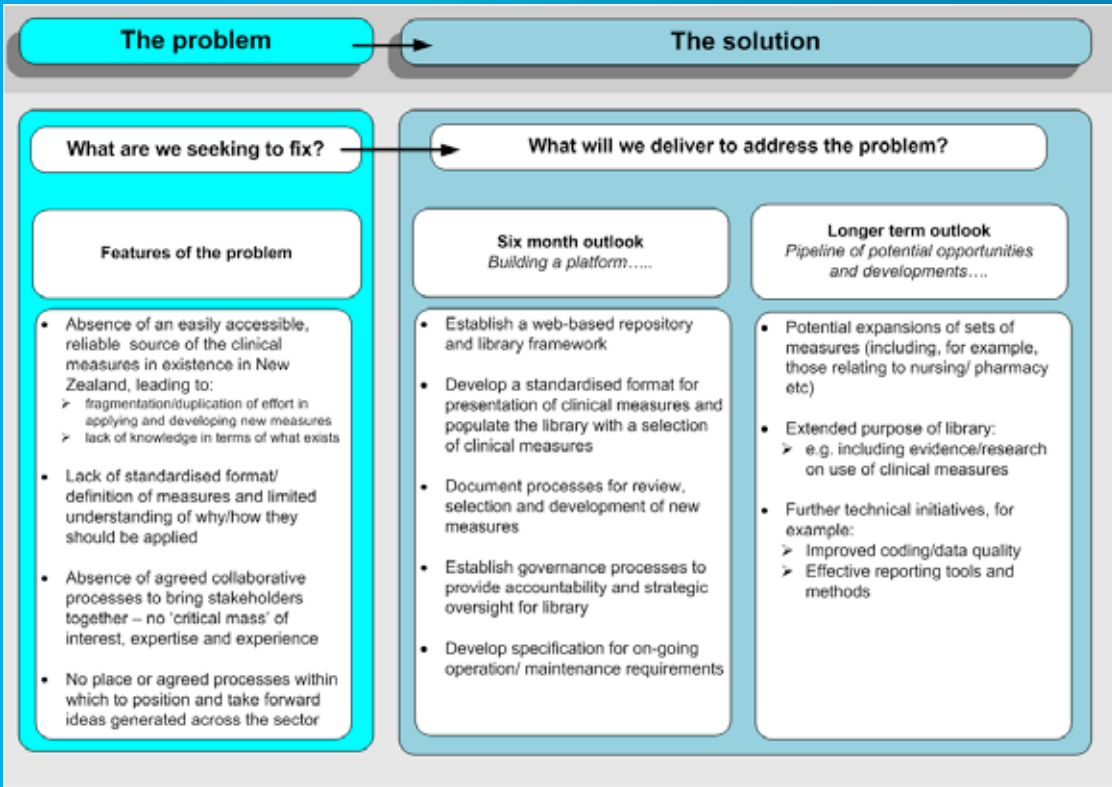
Ideally health related measures should be in an accessible and trusted location and framework that is a focal point for the sector to retrieve, use and contribute to in a consistent way – regardless of the original source of the measures.

HQMNZ includes:

A SINGLE LOCATION for promulgating measures throughout the sector

A ROBUST DEFINITION PROCESS – offering a standardised format for the definition of all measures clinically modelled, with a multi-disciplinary clinical group acting as an expert advisory group.

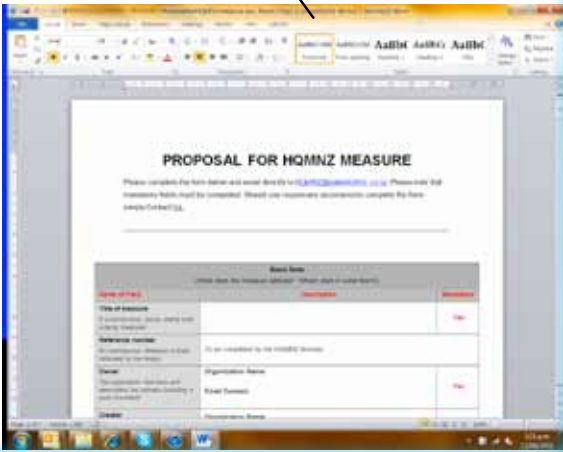
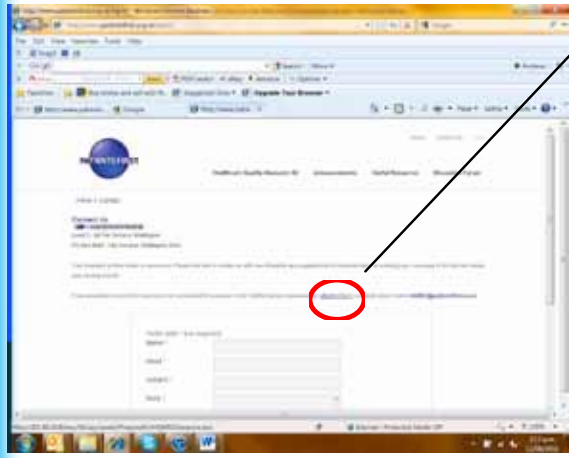
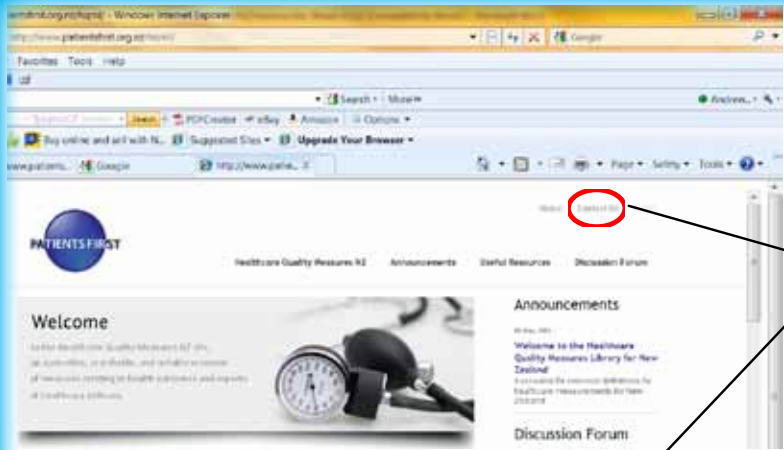
A METHOD FOR CONTRIBUTING – different health organisations and professionals contributing to the library (stakeholder engagement process and governance model).



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- Step 1:** click "Contact Us"
- Step 2:** click on "attached Form"
- Step 3:** complete the word template and email it



The Patients First Programme has worked with a multi-disciplinary Expert Advisory Group within the sector to develop a prototype library for Health Quality Measures.

This includes a web-based library populated with a subset of measures, a sector engagement process and robust methodology for the addition of measures and standardising of definitions of measures for healthcare in New Zealand.

The library and corresponding processes have been clinically led, designed and contributed to as a platform for the health sector, regardless of setting of care.

HQMNZ will continue to evolve, working with the Health Quality and Safety Commission, National Health IT Board and with professional organisations. RNZCGP has included HQMNZ in the newly published Aiming for Excellence standards.

Next steps...

There has been a full debrief with National Health IT Board who funded the initial development and we are working to actively promote the library as a suitable platform to the primary care networks, HQ&SC and Ministry of Health Primary Care (BSMC).

Over the coming months, we will work HQ&SC to put the library into production.

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