Workshop 1

Parliament - Grand Hall both days

Improving PHARMAC Processes & Policies: Towards a More Transparent, Timely, and Equitable System

This session run under Chatham House Rules explores opportunities to enhance Pharmac's decision-making, prioritisation, funding policies, and processes in the face of rising demand for innovative modern medicines. Stakeholders will examine current limitations and co-develop ideas to make Pharmac more responsive, transparent, and aligned with health equity goals.

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WORKSHOP CHAIRS







Workshop 1 - questions:

Topic 1 - Streamlining PHARMAC policies, assessment processes and timelines

- · What can be done to streamline current PHARMAC policies, assessment processes and timelines?
 - What targeted solutions can you suggest for this area be specific
 - What can be started / achieved as a quick win within 12 months
 - What can be started / achieved within 12-24 months

Topic 2 - Increasing Transparency

- · How can we increase transparency for the decision-making and prioritization process for new medicine funding?
 - What targeted solutions can you suggest for this area be specific?
 - What criteria should trigger that information is 'commercially sensitive?
 - What can be started / achieved as a quick win within 12 months?
 - What can be started / achieved within 12-24 months?

Topic 3 - Incorporating stakeholders into decision-making

- Using HTA as an enabler how can stakeholders be included more effectively into decision-making processes?
 - Patient and whānau including those who are under- represented and underserved?
 - Community (including NGOs)
 - Healthcare professionals
 - Industry
 - What can be started / achieved as a quick win within 12 months
 - What can be started / achieved within 12-24 months

Topic 4 - Modern Therapies and Rare Diseases

- · Using HTA as an enabler, how can we streamline policies and processes for modern and rare disease therapies?
 - What targeted solutions can you suggest for this area be specific
 - What can be started / achieved as a quick win within 12 months
 - What can be started / achieved within 12-24 months

Topic 5 – HTA and international best practices

Table work in groups

- How can we use or adapt international HTA best-practice to create effective policy in New Zealand?
 - What examples have you seen that would work / could be adapted for New Zealand be specific?
 - What can be started / achieved as a guick win within 12 months?
 - What can be started / achieved within 12-24 months?

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