



Waitemata DHB Primary Birthing Unit Consultation

Overview of community feedback 2016

From January to March 2016, Waitemata DHB held a community consultation on primary birthing units. Feedback was possible through online surveys, community forums and small group meetings. The consultation enabled the community to share their views on locations, preferred facilities and potential models of care.



We would like to thank all those who took the time to participate.

What the community told us

- Over **1000** people responded online
- Over **400** attended meetings and forums in person
- **87%** of people would recommend a primary birthing unit
- Over **60%** of women planning to have a baby in the future would consider choosing a primary birthing unit
- Preferred locations in West Auckland were: **Henderson, Ranui or New Lynn**
- Preferred locations on the North Shore were: **Northcote, Takapuna and Albany**
- Facilities/services considered most important in a primary birthing unit were: **Breastfeeding advice and support** and **Family friendly facilities**
- Overall respondents preferred the following options as the preferred model of unit:



Findings presented to Waitemata DHB Board

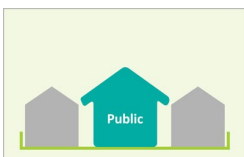
On the 29th June 2016, the consultation report was tabled for consideration at the Waitemata DHB Board meeting.

The Board was pleased with the consultation and interested in the report findings. They have requested that a business case be developed by the DHB on all four of the options presented to the community.



Winner of the supermarket voucher

Congratulations to Annette Sainty, the winner of the \$50 Countdown Supermarket voucher, open to all those who completed an online survey. Happy shopping.



Located in the community, DHB operated



Located on hospital grounds in a separate building, with its own entrance, DHB operated

View the full report [here](#)