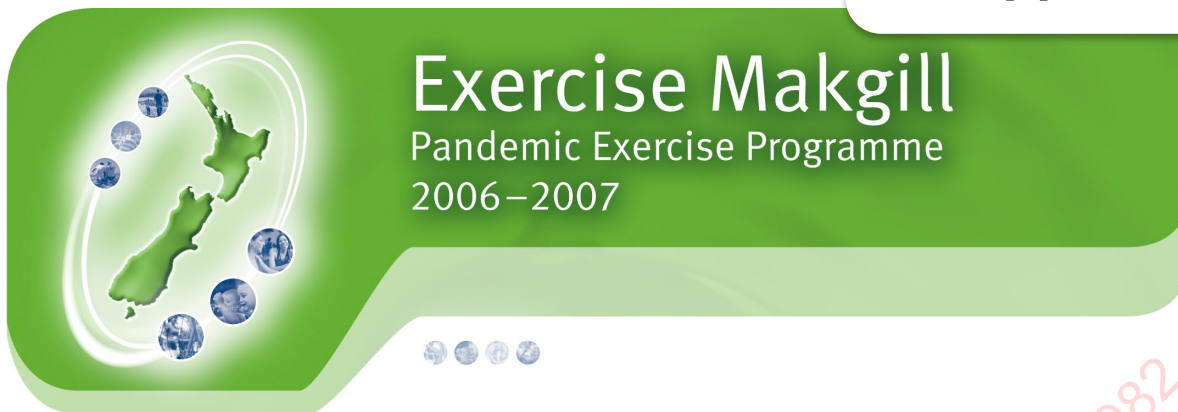


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1 Executive Summary

This report identifies findings from Exercise Makgill that relate to the Ministry of Health, District Health Boards, ESR, and other health sector participants. In general, recommendations are not provided as the findings need to be discussed by the relevant health professionals who will then determine the appropriate action to be taken to address the identified issues. Where suggestions have been made on a possible way forward, the matter has been linked to the specific agency involved (that is, DHB, ESR, the Ministry, or PHU).

P Exercise Makgill was carried out on 9 November 2006 with the purpose of assessing the Health Sector's ability to respond to the "Stamp It Out" stage of a pandemic event in New Zealand.

The objectives of Exercise Makgill were to practice and assess:

- **Public Health Interventions:** including surveillance capability and capacity, early detection and isolation of cases, quarantine of contacts and use of antivirals.
- **Cluster Control:** including contact tracing procedures by public health services, isolation procedures and protocols, reconfiguration of health services, preparation for establishment of community-based assessment centres (CBACs).
- **Communications with Public and Media:** including content and distribution of fact sheets, management of website information (consistency and currency), and regular media briefings.
- **Exercise Operations Centre:** including the capability and capacity of an EOC to effectively operate during a pandemic event.

In addition, exercise delivery and control (EXCON) was assessed. The objectives for EXCON were to:

- Conduct the exercise through facilitating timely communication of injects to exercise facilitators and evaluators; and
- Monitor the exercise and determine when corrective actions (such as new exercise inputs) were required to bring the exercise back on track.

Overall, the exercise was a success in that it was able to identify the gaps and weaknesses in the current plans, so that improvements can be made in the future.

All the participants contributed a high level of engagement which enabled the exercise to achieve its objectives, and feedback from the facilitators indicated that it was a worthwhile and enjoyable exercise.