

Assistance to **District Health Boards of New Zealand** with collective procurement



What we were asked to do	We provided expert opinion and a substantive report to assist District Health Boards (DHBs) with their decision making on future options for collective procurement and supply chain management.
How we approached the project	<p>We organised the project into the following work-streams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of extant public sector procurement initiatives• A comparative review of international procurement and supply chain initiatives• A detailed review of current procurement and supply chain practices in a sample of seven New Zealand DHBs• Benchmarking of performance against a well validated and internationally accepted quick reference tool (QuickScan), and• Development of options for the future including options around financial and other information management systems. <p>We attained strong support for our recommended DHB procurement functions through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A strategy of early feedback (at the sites of the DHBs reviewed)• Summarisation and presentation of preliminary findings, and• Co-development of the solution set. <p><i>continued over</i></p>

**Our
findings**

We identified that there was low performance in procurement and supply chain management because of a lack of investment in the function. We also identified a way of evolving from the current situation to a much improved situation through co-ordination of some national functions and through standardisation at a local and regional level.

