

Christchurch Dilemmas –Season One –Episode Two

<http://chchdilemmas.co.nz/mental-health/>

Evidence that this episode has been well researched and is factually accurate.

Firstly to state again here this is an interactive series. The viewer is presented with the 'primary' film and then can explore more by watching 3 'satellite' films.

The presenter of the primary film submitted is Dr Alistair Humphrey, Canterbury's Medical Officer of Health.

Dr Humphrey assisted in the gathering of these statistics which were culled from sources approved by the Canterbury District Health Board, Dr Humphrey's employers. Below is an email from Alistair to Tess McClure, our researcher. It demonstrates the collaboration between the authority –The Health Board, and our production. It discusses the central premise in our primary film; that being the lack of funding being designated to the CDHB.

Kia ora Alistair,

Tess here from the Gerard Smyth/Christchurch Dilemmas doco.

I'm just looking to get a reference from you for the statement about Canterbury being one of only two DHBs to have its funding reduced. Is it possible to get the before/after figures for how much it has gone down by? And how that's adjusted by the more recent boost in mental health funding?

Kind regards,

Tess McClure | Digital Features Producer

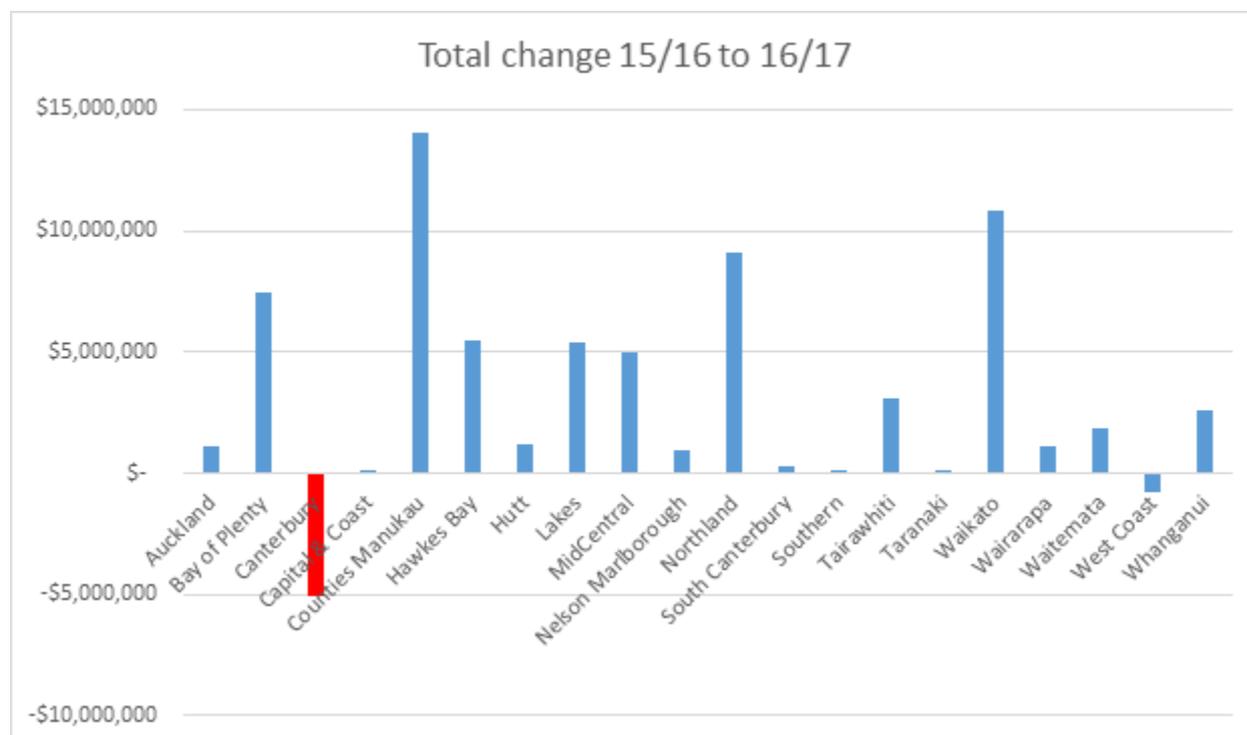
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Dear Tess,

The other DHB to have its **Mental Health** funding reduced was the West Coast:



The graph above shows the relative increases (and decreases) over the last year. Canterbury's mental health funding has been cut by 4.5% which makes the funding here \$44 dollars less than the national average of \$251 per person (see also <http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/health/81704172/cuts-to-elderly-and-primary-healthcare-only-the-start-for-the-canterbury-district-health-board>)

Regards,

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-----Original Message----- From: Tess McClure
[<mailto:Tess.McClure@radionz.co.nz>] Sent: Tuesday, 5 July 2016 10:47
a.m. To: Alistair Humphrey Subject: mental health documentary

Target Audience

These films initially were published on the dedicated website www.chchdilemmas.co.nz and on RNZ's website. The primary film was run on New Zealand's evening current affairs programme 'Check Point'. The largest audience would however be social media. Here the story was commented on and debated by many.

Combining the films in this episode from the various outlets see the views for these web-documentaries as being over 150,000. For a city of 360,000 residents, we can get a sense that these stories met their intended audiences. All of the subjects for these tales have had their funding issues addressed.