

Te Mahere Rautaki Mahi a te AYA Cancer Network Aotearoa Strategic Action Plan 2026-2030



Te Reo o te Rangatahi

Rangatahi Voice

Kia ora, my name is Mikyla. I was born and raised in the small town of Taupiri, in the beautiful Waikato. I now live in Hamilton with my husband, Matt. We love travelling, cooking, and being outdoors, whether that's keeping active, fishing, a road trip to a nearby beach, or simply enjoying a coffee in the sunshine. Spending time with friends and whānau is also incredibly important to us.



In late 2021, at just 21 years old, I felt like I had the next five years of my life mapped out. I was preparing to move back to London after COVID interruptions had paused my working holiday visa, and I truly believed nothing could stop me from getting out into the world and experiencing everything I had planned. But when a sore throat led me to book a doctor's appointment and request a blood test, I had no idea my life was about to change forever. Less than 24 hours later, I was admitted to Waikato Hospital and diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukaemia.

I was suddenly thrown into a completely different world, and not the kind I had dreamed of travelling through. Because of the aggressive nature of my cancer, there was no time to waste. Over the months that followed, I endured four gruelling rounds of chemotherapy at Waikato Hospital, followed by a stem cell transplant in Auckland.

It has taken me a long time to admit just how scared I really was. The statistics weren't encouraging, and as the youngest person on the ward for much of my treatment, it was an incredibly confronting place to be.

My diagnosis didn't just impact my physical health, it affected every part of my life, as well as the lives of those closest to me, emotionally, mentally, and financially.

I wholeheartedly believe the support and advocacy I received from my incredible AYA Keyworker throughout my journey was crucial to my survival. But I also know that not every young person has received or is currently receiving that same level of support, and that breaks my heart.

Throughout this action plan, you will become familiar with the concept of Te Awa, a powerful analogy that reflects the cancer journey. For me, the rocks and rapids came after treatment had finished. I had no idea how to move forward with my life. My friends were buying houses, building careers they loved, and living without the constant fear and uncertainty that had become part of my everyday reality. When I looked in the mirror, I barely recognised myself.

If it weren't for the unwavering support of my family, friends, and wider network, I would not be where I am today. I'm also deeply aware that this is not the reality for many AYA patients across the country. That is why I am so passionate about ensuring that every young person feels supported and nurtured at every stage of their journey down Te Awa.

It is now an absolute privilege to serve as Co-Chair of the Rangatahi Advisory Group. Our voices are powerful and play a vital role in shaping the future of AYA cancer care across Aotearoa. Alongside the incredible work of the AYA Network staff, this action plan outlines what we hope to see improved and implemented over the next five years.

Ngā mihi nui for taking the time to read this important piece of work.

Mikyla

He Kupu Whakataki

Opening Reflection

It's now more than a decade since the Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Cancer Network Aotearoa was established to drive improvements in cancer services for young people aged 12-24. Over that time, the Network has helped strengthen national leadership for AYA cancer care, enhance and build connections across services, and champion the needs of rangatahi in a system that can easily lose sight of them.

**There has been real progress.
But significant gaps remain.**

There is now wide recognition that adolescents and young adults with cancer have distinct clinical, psychosocial, and developmental needs that differ from those of children and older adults. Yet care still does not always work as it should across the different parts of a complex health system that rangatahi move through over time. They continue to face challenges in how their care is delivered, and experience inequities in access and outcomes.

Our first Action Plan (2020-2025) focused on building the foundations for more consistent AYA cancer care. Over that time, the Network developed national guidance, tools, and resources to support this. The challenge now is to ensure these are embedded and used consistently across the system.

This plan reflects that shift. It is more focused than the last, with fewer priorities and greater attention to the conditions that shape how care is experienced across the system.

This plan has been shaped by rangatahi and whānau, alongside AYA Cancer Services and partners across the motu. Their experiences continue to show us where the system is working, and where it still needs to do better.

“Thanks for being there for me on my journey through the rapids and waterfalls in my river. Glad I’m in calmer waters now.” *Young person*

The AYA Cancer Network Aotearoa is supported by a small operational team but works through a much wider network of rangatahi, whānau, clinicians, AYA Cancer Services, NGOs, and partners across the motu. While we do not deliver care directly, our role is to connect, influence, and strengthen the wider system so it works better for rangatahi and whānau.

In this plan we will focus on where we can make the greatest difference, working in partnership with others across the cancer system to drive improvements.

Rangatahi with cancer have complex and diverse needs. Getting it right for rangatahi means creating a system that is more connected, more responsive, and designed around them. In doing so, we create a system that works better for everyone.

This plan sets out how we will achieve that.

Key terms

AYA refers to adolescents and young adults aged 12-24 years with cancer. We use the term rangatahi throughout to refer to all young people in this age group.

AYA Cancer Services are regional, hospital-based services that provide specialist support for rangatahi with cancer across Aotearoa.

AYA Keyworkers play a pivotal role within AYA Cancer Services, helping rangatahi navigate cancer care, connecting teams, and strengthening AYA approaches.

AYA Champions are clinicians and other health professionals who champion AYA cancer care and support good AYA practice within their own teams.



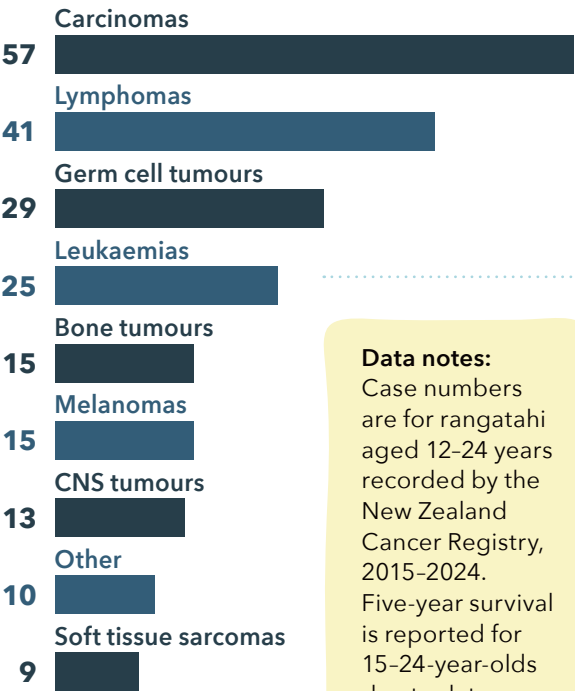
Te Mate Pukupuku AYA i Aotearoa

AYA Cancer in Aotearoa

AYA cancers are uncommon but diverse. For many, treatment and support continue over months or years, and the impacts can be felt long after treatment ends.

Around **210** rangatahi aged 12-24 are diagnosed with cancer in Aotearoa each year.

Cancers diagnosed among rangatahi each year



Data notes:
Case numbers are for rangatahi aged 12-24 years recorded by the New Zealand Cancer Registry, 2015-2024. Five-year survival is reported for 15-24-year-olds due to data availability. Comparisons are with previously reported 2008-2017 data.

Explore the data



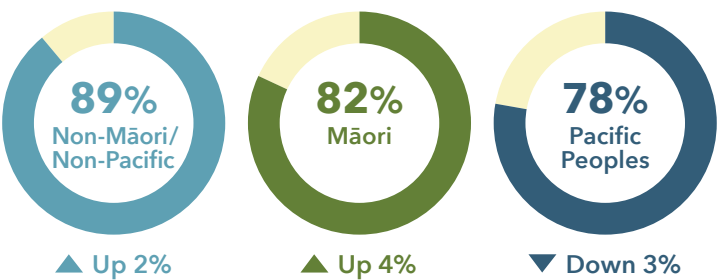
For more detailed information on AYA cancer incidence and survival in Aotearoa, scan the QR code.

Overall cancer survival

86% Five-year survival for 15-24-year-olds
▲ Up from 84%

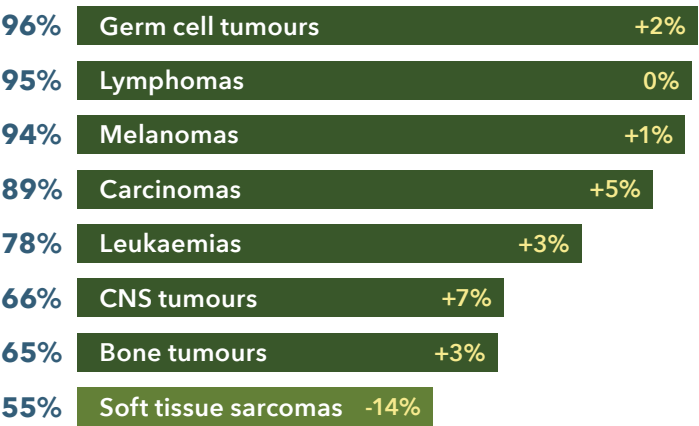
Survival by ethnicity

Marked inequities in survival persist for Māori and Pacific rangatahi.



Survival by cancer type

Five-year survival has improved for most cancer types but decreased for rangatahi with soft tissue sarcomas.



Tō Tātou Tūranga

Our Role

Like a river, young people with cancer will move through changing landscapes, moments of turbulence, places of stillness, and bends that mark important transitions in both their care and their lives.

Tō Tātou Whakakitenga | Our Vision

We will shape a cancer system that keeps every young person in Aotearoa safe on their awa, with care that stays connected, equitable, and responsive to their needs.

Tā Tātou Kupu Taurangi | Our Commitment

No young person with cancer will ever again be tipped from their waka because of gaps between services and supports.

Ngā Toka o te Waka | Our Foundation Stones

Alongside rangatahi and whānau

Through collaboration and partnership

Grounded in equity

Informed by evidence

Responsive to emerging needs

Te Hanganga o te Mahere

How This Plan Works

In te ao Māori, awa are living ancestors and sources of life, identity, and connection. The health of an awa reflects the health of the whenua and the tāngata who belong to it. When an awa is cared for, it flows freely and supports all who depend on it. When it is neglected or fragmented, the effects ripple outward.

This plan draws on that understanding. Te Awa, a metaphor developed in 2009 by AYA Cancer Network Clinical Lead Ellyn Proffit to support conversations with rangatahi about their cancer experience, represents the cancer journey as rangatahi experience it. Te Taiao o te Awa represents the river environment the system must create to keep that journey safe and supported.



Te Awa | The River



The cancer journey as experienced by rangatahi

Te Awa represents the lived experience of AYA cancer care, from diagnosis through treatment, survivorship, palliative care, and life beyond cancer. It reflects both the stages of care and the emotional and practical aspects of moving through them.

Rangatahi do not travel this journey alone. Whānau, friends, and other important relationships accompany them, influencing how their care is understood and how support is experienced. In this plan, these relationships are represented by kaitiaki and taonga species that accompany rangatahi in their waka, reflecting the people and connections that support them along the journey.

Rangatahi perspectives are woven throughout this plan and directly inform what it prioritises. Through leadership and active involvement across the Network, rangatahi help shape and drive this work.

The AYA Cancer Network does not travel this journey directly alongside rangatahi. Our role is to shape the conditions around Te Awa so that the journey is as safe, connected, and easy to move through as possible.

Te Taiao o te Awa | The River Environment

Te Taiao o te Awa represents the wider environment that shapes how Te Awa flows and how safe and supported the journey feels.

Within this environment, the plan focuses on four areas:



EQUITY & ACCESS

Removing barriers along the awa so the journey is smoother for all rangatahi, regardless of ethnicity, geography, disability, identity, or life circumstance.



WORKFORCE & SERVICE CAPABILITY

Developing skilled guides along Te Awa, supporting the care team and others to respond confidently and appropriately to changing needs.



SYSTEM LEARNING & IMPROVEMENT

Caring for the health of the awa over time through shared expectations, learning, and continuous improvement.



CONNECTED LEADERSHIP

Shaping the wider river environment by strengthening connections between services and embedding AYA needs across the cancer system.

Te Awa me te Taiao o te Awa



EQUITY & ACCESS

Removing Barriers along the Awa

- Culturally grounded care
- Identifying & responding • Shared accountability
- Enabling equitable access



WORKFORCE & SERVICE CAPABILITY

Developing Skilled Guides along the Awa

- AYA understanding • Age-appropriate care
- Navigation roles • Learning & connection



SYSTEM LEARNING & IMPROVEMENT

Caring for the Health of the Awa

- Data & monitoring • Visibility of variation
- Evidence & lived experience • Research & innovation



TE AWA

Improving the Cancer Journey for Rangatahi

- Timely access to support • Age-appropriate information
- Supported transitions • Holistic support
- Care coordination
- Communication & choice



CONNECTED LEADERSHIP

Strengthening the Riverbanks

- Strengthened leadership
- Embedded AYA needs
- National consistency
- Priority care pathways
- Clinical trial access

Te Awa | The River



Improving the Cancer Journey for Rangatahi

Why this matters

For rangatahi, cancer often appears at a pivotal time in life. Their identity, independence, education, work, and relationships are still developing. A cancer diagnosis can disrupt these in ways that extend well beyond treatment.

AYA cancer care frequently involves moving between services and settings that were not designed with young people in mind. Navigating this complexity while coping with illness and uncertainty can be overwhelming. Gaps in continuity, support, or communication can affect their wellbeing and long-term outcomes.

Te Awa places rangatahi at the centre of this plan. Rangatahi are not passive recipients of care, but active decision-makers. Across all phases of Te Awa, rangatahi are recognised as experts in their own lives, with the right to be informed, heard, and involved in decisions about their care.

Priority areas for action across Te Awa

Across Te Awa, our focus is on the parts of the journey that most influence how supported, informed, and connected rangatahi feel as they move through cancer care. These priority areas reflect where we will focus our effort over the life of this plan.

- **Timely access to support:** Improving access to time-critical supports such as fertility preservation, psychosocial input, and priority clinical advice when key decisions need to be made.
- **Age-appropriate information:** Increasing the availability and use of clear, age-appropriate information to support rangatahi and whānau

to better understand cancer and treatment, and be aware of the services and resources available to them.

- **Supported transitions:** Strengthening safe and well-supported transitions across care phases, including between paediatric and adult services, treatment, survivorship, and end-of-life care.
- **Holistic support:** Improving access to psychosocial, cultural, spiritual, educational, financial, and practical support for rangatahi and whānau.
- **Care coordination:** Supporting continuity across cancer care and helping rangatahi and whānau to navigate a complex health system with clarity about what is happening, what comes next, and who is involved.
- **Communication & choice:** Enabling communication that helps rangatahi understand what is happening, participate confidently in care decisions, and involve whānau in ways that reflect their preferences.

How will we improve the journey for rangatahi?

We will work with rangatahi and whānau, AYA Cancer Services, NGOs, and others across the system to strengthen continuity, coordination, and access to support for rangatahi across the cancer journey. We will champion approaches that help rangatahi and whānau feel informed, connected, and supported at key points of care and transition.

Te Taurite me te Urunga | Equity and Access



Removing Barriers Along the Awa

Why this matters

Rangatahi do not all experience cancer care in the same way. Experiences of care, access to services, and outcomes can differ significantly depending on a young person's circumstances and identity.

Differences in outcomes, access, and experience are well documented, particularly for Māori and Pacific rangatahi. These differences reflect long-standing structural barriers within the health system.

Rangatahi who live further from specialist cancer services, including those in rural and regional areas, often face additional barriers to timely care, coordination, and support. Travel for treatment can place significant financial and practical strain on rangatahi and whānau.

Inequities in AYA cancer care are shaped by more than ethnicity or geography alone. Disability, neurodiversity, sexual orientation and gender identity, and other intersecting factors can also influence access to and experience of care.

Achieving equity requires ongoing attention to how services are designed, delivered, and accessed. Grounded in Te Tiriti o Waitangi, this includes working in partnership with Māori and ensuring rangatahi Māori and whānau perspectives help shape the decisions that affect their care.

Priority areas for action

During 2026–2030, our focus will be on advancing equity in AYA cancer care through work that reduces barriers to access and addresses inequities in outcomes and experience. Priority work includes:

- **Culturally grounded care:** Strengthen kaupapa Māori and culturally grounded approaches to AYA cancer care, working in partnership with Māori and Pacific providers and communities.
- **Identifying and responding:** Identify and respond to persistent or emerging inequities in AYA cancer experience and outcomes through data, lived experience, service review, and targeted improvement activity.
- **Enabling equitable access:** Improve access to appropriate AYA cancer services and supports by addressing geographic, financial, accessibility, and identity-related barriers, using system levers and exploring partnerships with NGOs.
- **Shared accountability:** Strengthen system accountability for equity outcomes and experience, ensuring equity considerations are embedded across AYA-related initiatives and decisions.

How will we advance equity?

We will work alongside Māori, Pacific, disability and community partners to better understand and respond to barriers in AYA cancer care. We will use lived experience, data, and system influence to strengthen equity-focused approaches and support accountability for equitable access, experiences, and outcomes for rangatahi.

Ngā Kaimahi me ngā Ratonga | Workforce and Service Capability



Developing Skilled Guides along the Awa

Why this matters

AYA cancer care depends on the people rangatahi meet along the way. Clinicians, Keyworkers, Champions, allied health professionals, primary care teams, and NGO staff all shape how care is experienced, how decisions are made, and how supported a young person feels.

AYA Cancer Keyworkers often sit at the centre of coordination, helping rangatahi and whānau navigate complex systems. They also play an important leadership role within services, championing AYA approaches, connecting teams, and supporting improvements in care. However, these roles are few in number and cannot carry responsibility alone.

When the wider workforce lacks confidence or support to work well with young people, even strong coordination can be undermined. Inconsistent communication, unclear roles, or a single poor interaction can have a lasting impact on the trust rangatahi have in their care and their willingness to engage.

Delivering developmentally appropriate AYA cancer care requires capability across the whole system. It relies on shared understanding, connected teams, and ongoing opportunities for learning, particularly in services where AYA cancer care is not a core focus, such as primary care and adult-focused settings. Strengthening workforce and service capability helps ensure rangatahi experience care that feels consistent, respectful, and supportive across settings and services.

Priority areas for action

Across this period, we will strengthen workforce and service capability to support high-quality AYA cancer care across settings and regions, with a focus on:

- **AYA understanding:** Strengthen workforce understanding of AYA cancer needs, including developmental, psychosocial, cultural, accessibility, and early identification considerations.
- **Age-appropriate care:** Build service capability to deliver age-appropriate AYA care across settings, including within adult-focused services.
- **Navigation roles:** Support key roles that enable care coordination and continuity across services, such as AYA Keyworkers and Champions, recognising their central role in supporting rangatahi and whānau and strengthening AYA capability across the wider workforce.
- **Learning & connection:** Facilitate shared learning and connection across the AYA workforce and wider youth-facing settings, including clinical, community, NGO, and primary care, to strengthen awareness and support more consistent practice.

How will we build capability?

We will strengthen workforce capability by connecting people, sharing knowledge, and supporting learning across services and settings. We will support key navigation and leadership roles, including AYA Keyworkers and Champions, recognising their role in both care coordination and building AYA capability across the wider workforce.

Te Kounga me te Ako | System Learning and Improvement



Caring for the Health of the Awa

Why this matters

How AYA cancer care is delivered can vary across regions, services, and tumour groups. Not all variation is problematic. Some reflects local context and need, while other variation can point to gaps in access, coordination, or consistency that affect rangatahi experience and outcomes. Variation can also highlight examples of innovation, strong practice, and approaches that are working well for rangatahi.

Improving care over time requires visibility across the entire system. This includes understanding patterns and trends in data, listening to rangatahi and whānau, and using those insights to inform decision-making and change. When variation is not visible, inequities can remain hidden, opportunities to improve care can be missed, and it becomes more difficult to support consistency across services.

Learning and improvement help the system identify where care is working well, where gaps remain, and where focused improvement activity is needed. Sharing and learning from successful approaches is as important as identifying areas for improvement. This includes drawing on research, innovation, and learning from Aotearoa and international AYA cancer networks. Together, these insights support improvement that is informed, proportionate, and responsive to what matters most for rangatahi.

Priority areas for action

Priority action over 2026–2030 will strengthen quality, learning, and system insight in AYA cancer care, with a focus on:

- **Data & monitoring:** Maintain and strengthen AYA data and monitoring systems that support consistency in practice and reporting, shared learning and informed decision-making across services.
- **Visibility of variation:** Improve visibility of variation in AYA cancer care, including differences in access, experience and outcomes across populations, regions, and tumour groups.
- **Evidence & lived experience:** Use evidence from data and lived experience to inform improvement activity and support services to respond to identified gaps and variation in care.
- **Research & innovation:** Draw on and contribute to New Zealand research and international AYA networks to strengthen learning, research, and innovation in AYA cancer care.

How will we drive improvement?

We will drive shared learning by bringing together data, evidence, and lived experience to improve understanding of variation in AYA cancer care and identify opportunities for improvement. We will support shared learning across services and use insights to inform quality improvement and advocate for system change.

Te Rangatiratanga Tūhonohono | Connected Leadership



Strengthening the Riverbanks

Why this matters

AYA cancer care spans paediatric and adult services, clinical and non-clinical settings, and both national and regional systems. When leadership is unclear or systems are poorly connected, rangatahi can experience fragmented care, delays in diagnosis or treatment, and inconsistent access to opportunities such as clinical trials.

AYA cancer care can also be overlooked within broader cancer initiatives. Without deliberate leadership, AYA's unique needs risk being treated as secondary rather than built into system design and planning from the outset.

Leadership also matters for the people working within the system. Clear roles, shared expectations, and well-connected regional teams reduce isolation and support shared responsibility. Consistent and visible guidance, tools, and documentation help teams deliver care with confidence and reduce unwarranted variation for rangatahi.

Strong system leadership helps ensure that AYA perspectives are visible and consistently considered across the cancer system. It creates clearer pathways and better coordination, so care works more smoothly for rangatahi and those supporting them.

Priority areas for action

Over the life of this plan, connected leadership work will focus on strengthening system integration for AYA cancer so rangatahi needs are consistently recognised across policy, planning, and service delivery, with a focus on:

- **Strengthened leadership:** Strengthen national and regional leadership for AYA cancer to

enable coordination, alignment, and shared accountability for national AYA priorities, including system action to address diagnosis, treatment, and fertility preservation delays.

- **Embedded AYA needs:** Ensure AYA needs and perspectives are consistently incorporated into paediatric and adult cancer initiatives, policy, and service design.
- **National consistency:** Enable nationally consistent approaches across services through shared guidance, frameworks, tools, templates, transfer documentation, and end-of-treatment plans that support alignment and continuity.
- **Priority care pathways:** Support the development and implementation of AYA cancer pathways of care for priority cancers, survivorship and palliative care, reducing unwarranted variation and improving consistency of experience and outcomes.
- **Clinical trial access:** Improve access to clinical trials for rangatahi, through national coordination, advocacy, and strengthening referral pathways across services.

How will we strengthen the system for rangatahi?

We will provide national leadership for AYA cancer care by connecting services, supporting alignment around shared priorities, and championing the needs of rangatahi in policy, planning, and service design. We will work with partners across the cancer system to support consistent, connected, and age-appropriate care.

He Aha Ngā Rerekētanga?

What Will Be Different?

Through delivery of this plan, we expect to see the following changes:



EQUITY & ACCESS

- Measurable progress toward equity in AYA cancer outcomes and experiences for Māori and Pacific rangatahi.
- Improved access to AYA cancer services and supports for rangatahi in rural and regional areas.
- Improved identification of, and response to, barriers related to disability, neurodiversity, gender identity, and other intersecting factors.



WORKFORCE & SERVICE CAPABILITY

- Increased workforce confidence and capability to deliver developmentally appropriate AYA cancer care across settings.
- More consistent access to AYA coordination roles, including Keyworkers and Champions, across regions.
- Greater engagement in AYA-focused learning and capability-building across the workforce.



TE AWA

- Rangatahi have more timely access to time-critical supports, including fertility preservation, psychosocial care, and specialist advice.
- Rangatahi and whānau have access to clear, age-appropriate information that supports understanding of cancer and treatment, and awareness of available services and resources.
- Rangatahi and whānau have improved access to holistic supports, including psychosocial, cultural, educational, and practical support.
- Rangatahi experience more consistent and supported transitions between services and phases of care, including paediatric to adult care, treatment to survivorship, and end-of-life care.



SYSTEM LEARNING & IMPROVEMENT

- Improved availability and use of AYA-specific data to inform decision-making and system improvement.
- Greater visibility and understanding of variation in AYA cancer care.
- Evidence of service and system changes informed by data, research, and lived experience.



CONNECTED LEADERSHIP

- Clearer and more consistent national and regional leadership for AYA cancer care.
- Increased integration of AYA priorities within national cancer policies, planning, and service development, including areas such as clinical trial access, survivorship, fertility preservation and palliative care.
- More consistent use of national guidance, tools, and frameworks across regions and services.



Mai i te Rautaki ki te Mahi:

From Strategy to Action

This Strategic Action Plan sets the long-term direction for where the AYA Cancer Network Aotearoa will focus its leadership, coordination, and advocacy over 2026–2030, and how it will contribute to improving experiences and outcomes for rangatahi with cancer.

The task now is to translate this shared direction into disciplined choices about where leadership, coordination, and advocacy can have the greatest impact. Rather than prescribing fixed activities, the plan provides a shared direction that supports consistent decision-making over time, helping us stay focused as new opportunities arise, needs shift, and priorities change.

How this plan contributes to wider health system priorities

The New Zealand Cancer Action Plan 2026–2030 sets the national direction for cancer care in Aotearoa, including specific priorities for adolescents and young adults with cancer.

This Strategic Action Plan aligns with and supports delivery of these priorities across the cancer system, including improving access to fertility preservation, strengthening survivorship care, supporting safe and consistent transitions, and building AYA workforce capability.

The priorities in this plan also align with wider health system priorities, including the New Zealand Health Strategy, *Pae Ora – Health Futures for All*, particularly in relation to equity, access, workforce capability, service integration and quality improvement.

This plan complements these wider health system priorities. It sets out how the AYA Cancer Network will focus its leadership, coordination, and advocacy to support consistent, connected, and age-appropriate care for rangatahi across the cancer system.

Our annual work programmes

The priorities in this plan are progressed through our annual work programmes. These translate the strategy into specific initiatives, timeframes, deliverables, and measures of progress. Each annual work programme will clearly show how activities contribute to Te Awa or Te Taiao o te Awa.

Annual work programmes will be published on our website and shared with key partners, providing greater visibility of where the Network is focusing its effort each year.

As a small organisation, not every aspect of this strategic plan will be addressed in every annual work programme. Annual work programmes help us focus our effort on where we can make the greatest contribution, while remaining responsive to new needs and opportunities as they emerge.

**Our strategy sets the direction.
Our annual work programmes set out the detail.**



How we will deliver this plan

We will deliver this plan in partnership with rangatahi and whānau, including through the Rangatahi Advisory Group, alongside AYA Cancer Services and other partners across the cancer system. This helps ensure our work remains connected to what is happening for young people across Aotearoa and what matters most to them.

Rangatahi contribute to this work through leadership, advocacy, governance, and project activity, helping to shape priorities, influence decision-making, and guide implementation.

This will be supported by our leadership and working groups, and through ongoing collaboration with partners across health, community, and support services.

Reviewing progress

The AYA Cancer Network is accountable for this plan and for being open about progress, challenges, and what we are learning over time.

Progress on this plan will be supported through annual work programmes and reviewed regularly through reporting to our funders and partners across the sector.

We will monitor progress against the AYA priorities in the Cancer Action Plan and use this information to support accountability, inform our work, and identify areas where further action is needed. We will continue to share updates, learning, and emerging priorities with the wider sector through newsletters, presentations, and other communications.

Over time, greater consistency in AYA documentation, data collection, and service visibility will strengthen our understanding of what is working, where gaps remain, and how we can use that learning to shape what comes next.

Shared responsibility

Lasting change for rangatahi with cancer cannot be achieved by the Network alone. It will take all of us across the system working together so the right care and support are in place when they matter most.

Together, we share a responsibility to keep young people safe on their awa, so they can look to the horizon and pursue their goals and aspirations.

He waka eke noa
We are all in
this together.



