UPGRADE TO RADIOLOGY INFORMATION SYSTEM-PICTURE ARCHIVING AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS (RIS-PAC).

ENABLE CLINICAL INFORMATION SHARING (INTEROPERABILITY), E-REFERRAL AND ACCESS TO HISTORIC IMAGES AND SHARED PATIENT RECORDS.

National leadership is needed to tackle existing issues with the outdated radiology IT (RIS/PACS) systems in public hospitals where, due to a chronic lack of investment, many public systems are inefficient, struggle to interface with other systems, and are incompatible with other platforms.

Although all major parties indicated that they appreciated the need for integrated electronic health systems across all levels of healthcare, thus improving patient care, responses were generalised to improving Health Information Technology (HIT) with no specific commitment.

LABOUR and NZ FIRST highlighted achievements that had been made by the coalition government, Labour pointing to the recommendations from the Final Report of the Health and Disability System Review while NZ First highlighted that the review of the implementation of Electronic Health Records recommended a National Health Information Platform, which is awaiting approval.

THE NATIONAL PARTY has indicated that their approach to HIT involves better practice-based software integration between primary providers, DHBs, Accident Compensation Corporation and community providers (including radiology) as well as a coordinated procurement process across all DHBs to ensure commonality of IT.

THE GREEN PARTY supports developing comprehensive nationally integrated health records, while ACT additionally supports an integrated supply chain.

INCREASE THE NUMBER OF FUNDED TRAINING POSITIONS FOR CLINICAL RADIOLOGY BY 10 PLACES PER YEAR AND FUND THE CURRENT UNFUNDED POSITIONS.

INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CONSULTANT POSTS FOR DIAGNOSTIC AND INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGISTS.

New Zealand has not been training enough clinical radiologists to be self-sufficient.

All parties acknowledged that the medical workforce must meet the demand for future population growth and needs. No party committed to specifically funding training positions for clinical radiology or extra consultant posts for diagnostic and interventional radiologists.

LABOUR has indicated that health workforce requires detailed planning and sustained investment and will consider the recommendations within the Final Report of the Health and Disability System Review.

THE NATIONAL PARTY if elected will make Health Workforce NZ independent of the Ministry for Health. They will also engage with tertiary education providers to ensure that the workforce pipeline fills the gaps.

THE GREEN PARTY would eliminate barriers to tertiary education and explore a debt write-off scheme to incentivise graduates to contribute to New Zealand.

NEW ZEALAND FIRST would look at the funding implications for RANZCR's requests.

ACT indicated they will announce their health policies on 30 September 2020.