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Introduction

The Hutt Hospital is a comprehensive facility of strategic importance to the Region located among residential and recreation areas, local suburban centres, and is in close proximity to the main commercial centre of Lower Hutt. It offers a wide range of medical and health care services which are essential to the health and well being of the community.

The Hutt Hospital was established on the site many years ago and up until recently has been protected by a designation. The health sector is no longer able to designate sites for their activities, therefore appropriate recognition of the substantial operations on the site is made in the Plan.

The provision of health services is the primary function of the activity area. Hutt Hospital operates as a 24 hour, seven day week facility providing fundamental health care services to the Region. Hutt Hospital is a comprehensive facility that provides essential critical care services, accident and emergency services, rehabilitation facilities, maternity services, mental health facilities and a range of other services and facilities that are vital to the functioning of the community. Emergency vehicles operate when required. When it is determined to be necessary, these vehicles will use sirens as a warning device to traffic. It is recognised that sirens will create adverse effects on surrounding areas in terms of noise and traffic disturbance. Provisions in the Plan will ensure continued opportunity is available for these services while ensuring the nature, and scale of activities do not affect adversely surrounding residential and recreation activity areas, and the roading network.