

# Information for Action – Who’s Acting?

Health Surveillance: Information for Action in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
Session: The role of government agencies in surveillance  
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# Speaking Regionally

- Who is acting?
- How do operational (control) actions relate to strategic or policy actions?
- How do we actually use components of surveillance information?
- What is our remit for action?
- What are our responsibilities (clinical, reporting)?

# Speaking Honestly

- What are the current systems?
  - Paper, fax, telephone
  - HCC, EpiSurv
  - MS Access
- How well do current systems meet
  - regional needs?
  - national needs?
- How did these fare in the 2009 H1N1 experience?

# Speaking Functionally

- How does this relate to ARPHS business as usual?
- In 2009 ARPHS had in excess of 5300 cases notified (excluding H1N1)
- The Auckland context is not proportional (demographically distinct)
- Acting in this environment requires more than a paper trail

# Fitting for Purpose

- ARPHS went live with a system incorporating the management of notifiable disease in September 2009
- NDCMS is developed with the remit to:
  - Manage cases and exposed contacts in BAU
  - Fulfil the dual requirements of clinical management and reporting (operational, surveillance, performance)
  - Interface with relevant national systems to ensure quality and timeliness
  - Scale to meet pandemic requirements
- The platform is to be expanded to meet wider operational and reporting needs (eg. environmental)