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**MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES**

**TIER THREE SERVICE SPECIFICATION**

**MHA08A, MHA08B, MHA08C, MHA08S**

This tier three service specification for General Hospital Liaison Service (the Service) is linked to the tier one Mental Health and Addiction Service and tier two Adult Mental Health service specifications.

**1. Service Definition**

The Service will include:

* regular attendance and/or availability for attendance at a variety of locations within the general hospital setting for the purposes of providing specialist assessment and advice regarding diagnosis and treatment for people with or thought to have mental disorders or psychological factors affecting a physical condition
* provision of advice, support and treatment regarding the ongoing mental health needs of referred Service Users who remain in the general hospital
* assistance in arranging ongoing mental health treatment and/or support for referred Service Users after discharge from the general hospital
* provision of education to staff within the general hospital regarding mental health disorders, with attention to problem prevention and early intervention, where appropriate.

**2. Service Objectives**

**2.1 General**

To provide recovery-orientated specialist assessment, intervention and advice regarding the needs of people who are receiving treatment from a general hospital and who have concurrent physical and mental health or addiction needs.

To connect the Service User with the appropriate community agencies and services on discharge from a general hospital.

**2.2 Māori Health**

Refer to the tier one Mental Health and Addiction Services service specification.

**3. Service Users**

The Service is provided to all departments/services within the general hospital.

The Service Users are eligible adults as detailed in the tier two Adult Mental Health service specification.

**4. Access**

**4.1 Entry and Exit Criteria**

Referral to the Service is from general hospital staff or other specialist mental health services.

**5. Service Components**

**5.1 Processes**

The following processes apply but are not limited to: assessment, treatment, intervention and support, review process and discharge.

**5.2 Settings**

The Service is provide in a hospital based setting.

**5.3 Key Inputs**

The Service is provided by a multi-disciplinary team of people with skills and experience in mental health intervention, treatment and support, made up of:

* health professionals regulated by the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003
* people regulated by a health or social service professional body.

**6. Service Linkages**

Linkages include, but are not limited to those described in tier one Mental Health and Addiction Service and tier two Adult Mental Health service specifications.

**7. Purchase Units and Reporting Requirements**

**7.1** Purchase Unit (PU) Codes are defined in the DHB and Ministry’s Nationwide Service Framework Purchase Unit Data Dictionary. The following codes apply to this Service.

| **PU Code** | **PU Description** | **PU Definition** | **Unit of Measure** |
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| MHA08A | General hospital liaison service - Senior medical staff | A service by senior medical staff to provide recovery-orientated specialist assessment, intervention and advice regarding the needs of people who are receiving treatment from a general hospital and who have concurrent physical and mental health or addiction needs. | FTE |
| MHA08B | General hospital liaison Service – Junior medical staff | A service by junior medical staff to provide recovery-orientated specialist assessment, intervention and advice regarding the needs of people who are receiving treatment from a general hospital and who have concurrent physical and mental health or addiction needs. | FTE |
| MHA08C | General hospital liaison service – Nursing/ allied health staff | A service by nurses and/or allied staff to provide recovery-orientated specialist assessment, intervention and advice regarding the needs of people who are receiving treatment from a general hospital and who have concurrent physical and mental health or addiction needs. | FTE |
| MHA08S | General Hospital Liaison | A service to provide recovery-orientated specialist assessment, intervention and advice regarding the needs of people who are receiving treatment from a general hospital and who have concurrent physical and mental health or addiction needs. | Service |

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| **Unit of Measure** | **Unit of Measure Definition** |
| FTE | Full-time equivalent staff member (clinical or non-clinical) involved in direct delivery of services to consumers. Exclude time that is formally devoted to administrative or management functions e.g. half-time coordination of a community team. |
| Service | Service purchased in a block arrangement uniquely agreed between the parties to the agreement. |

**7.2 Reporting**

The Provider must comply with the requirements of national data collections: PRIMHD.

Additional information to be reported and the frequency of collection are specified by the Funder in the Provider Specific Terms and Conditions as agreed with the Service Provider.

The information required by the Funder will be sent to:

Performance Reporting

Sector Operations

Ministry of Health

Private Bag 1942

Dunedin 9054

Email [performance\_reporting@moh.govt.nz](mailto:performance_reporting@moh.govt.nz)

The Performance Monitoring Reporting tables for the Mental Health and Addiction Service Specifications[[1]](#footnote-1) may be used for performance monitoring if specified as agreed with the Funder.

1. Performance Monitoring Reporting cluster tables for Mental Health and Addiction Services are published on the Nationwide Service Framework Library, Mental Health and Addiction Service specifications page, Downloads section www.nsfl.health.govt.nz/service-specifications/current-service-specifications/mental-health-and-addiction-services [↑](#footnote-ref-1)