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| **FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - COMMUNITY SERVICE**  **MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES**  **TIER THREE**  **SERVICE SPECIFICATION** | | |
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**Note:** Contact the Service Specification Programme Manager, Service Commissioning Ministry of Health to discuss proposed amendments to the service specifications and guidance in developing new or updating and revising existing service specifications.

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**FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES**

**TIER THREE SERVICE SPECIFICATION**

**MHF80A, MHF80B, MHF80C, MHF80D, MHF80E, MHF80F, MHF80S**

This tier three service specification for Forensic Mental Health Services - Community Service (the Service) must be used in conjunction with tier one Mental Health and Addiction Services and tier two Forensic Mental Health Services service specifications. In addition, it is linked to a range of tier three Forensic Mental Health Services service specifications.

The service specification defines Forensic Mental Health Services - Community Service and its objectives in the delivery of the Service.

**1. Service Definition**

The Service will be fully integrated with other mental health services and will engage the Service User and their family and whānau and carers. They will include but will not be limited to:

* specialist assessment
* provision of medication (including such new agents as are approved for use, in accordance with funding and safety protocols) and other treatment in accordance with a documented comprehensive recovery plan with identified desired outcomes
* ongoing monitoring of symptoms and social situations that may trigger an episode and regular review of progress and treatment at specified intervals
* provision of evidence-based therapies and psychotherapeutic interventions
* provision of evidence-based risk assessment / formulation / management plans
* provision of access to cultural services in accordance with Service Users’ needs
* attention to matters in relation to early intervention, maintenance of health, relapse prevention, problem prevention and promotion of good mental health
* support to general mental health services or Department of Corrections for transitional planning, follow up, ongoing care and crisis response to Service Users who are on long leave or discharged from the inpatient forensic mental health units
* liaison with courts, probation service and prisons.

**2. Service Objectives**

**2.1 General**

The objective of the Service is to provide a recovery-oriented community-based forensic mental health assessment, treatment and therapy service for people with severe mental health problems / disorders who are offenders.

**2.2 Māori Health**

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

**3. Service Users**

The Service Users will be people that meet the assessment criteria for Forensic Mental Health. Young people should be transitioning to adult services up to their 18th birthday and until their 20th birthday if developmentally appropriate.

**4. Access**

Refer to the tier two Forensic Mental Health Services service specification.

**5. Service Components**

**5.1 Processes**

Refer to the tier two Forensic Mental Health Services service specification.

**5.2 Settings**

The Service is provided in community, court, prison and Forensic hospital based settings.

**5.3 Key Inputs**

Refer to the tier two Forensic Mental Health Services service specification.

**6. Service Linkages**

Refer to the tier two Forensic Mental Health Services service specification.

**7****. Purchase Units and Reporting Requirements**

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

| **PU Code** | **PU Description** | **PU Definition** | **Unit of Measure** |
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| MHF80A | Forensic Mental Health Community Service – Senior medical staff | Service to provide a recovery-oriented community-based forensic mental health assessment, treatment and therapy service for people with severe mental health problems/disorders who are known to the Justice system. The service is provided by senior medical staff, a component of the multidisciplinary team | FTE |
| MHF80B | Forensic Mental Health Community Service – Junior medical staff | Service to provide a recovery-oriented community-based forensic mental health assessment, treatment and therapy service for people with severe mental health problems/disorders who are known to the Justice system. The service is provided by junior medical staff, a component of a multidisciplinary team. | FTE |
| MHF80C | Forensic Mental Health Community Service – Nurses & allied health staff | Service to provide a recovery-oriented community-based forensic mental health assessment, treatment and therapy service for people with severe mental health problems/disorders who are known to the Justice system. The service is provided by nurses and allied health staff, a component of a multidisciplinary team. | FTE |
| MHF80D | Forensic Mental Health Community Service – Non-clinical staff | Service to provide a recovery-oriented community-based forensic mental health assessment, treatment and therapy service for people with severe mental health problems/disorders who are known to the Justice system. The service is provided by non-clinical staff, a component of a multidisciplinary team. | FTE |
| MHF80E | Forensic Mental Health Community Service – Cultural staff | Service to provide a recovery-oriented community-based forensic mental health assessment, treatment and therapy service for people with severe mental health problems/disorders who are known to the Justice system. The service is provided by cultural staff, a component of a multidisciplinary team. | FTE |
| MHF80S | Forensic Mental Health Community Service | Service to provide a recovery-oriented community-based forensic mental health assessment, treatment and therapy service for people with severe mental health problems/disorders who are known to the Justice system. The service is provided by a multidisciplinary team. | 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)