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| **FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES – ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG – COURT LIAISON 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 - COURT LIAISON SERVICE**

**MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES**

**TIER THREE SERVICE SPECIFICATION**

**MHF85A, MHF85B, MHF85C, MHF85D, MHF95E, MHF95S**

This tier three service specification for Forensic Mental Health Services - Court Liaison 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 - Court Liaison Service and its objectives in the delivery of the Service.

# 1. Service Definition

The Service is a consultation and liaison forensic mental health service provided to Courts, Corrections, Police, Community Mental Health Services Crisis Intervention teams, and linked to community agencies on matters of mental health and management of associated problems within the identified agency.

The Service aims to divert from the Criminal Justice system into the health system of offenders with either a mental illness, alcohol and other drugs, and/or intellectual disability where that is appropriate and acceptable to the court. It includes:

• diversion from the criminal justice system into mental health system for defendants, where those people meet the criteria for Mental Health Act compulsory assessment

• treatment or informal assessment and treatment

• facilitation and where appropriate obtain formal forensic reports pursuant to relevant legislation

• liaison and coordination with Community Mental Health crisis intervention teams

• provision of informal written assessments for the Court on whether a Defendant is fit to be placed before it, if they are suffering from a mental illness, and whether they pose a risk to self or others

• acting as a mental health resource and provision of an advisory role for co-ordination of health care (as it relates to mental health issues).

# 2. Service Objectives

## 2.1 General

The objectives of this Service are to provide:

• consultation and liaison services to the Ministry of Justice/Department of Corrections, the Court, Police and Community Mental Health Services Crisis Intervention teams

• informal assessments, reports and recommendations to Court Judges, and information and advice to justice and mental health services about the Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 1992.

## 2.2 Māori Health

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

# 3. Service Users

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

# 4. Access

## 4.1 General

Referrals to forensic court liaison are from different sources. There are requests for the Service to provide assessment and advice to the court (Judges, prosecution, counsel, probation, police) other mental health service providers. Other requests may come from the individual, their family as to whether the defendant has a mental health issue and whether they are receiving treatment).

## 4.2 Exit Criteria

Exit from forensic court liaison will only be when either all their criminal matters are completed, the defendant has been admitted to a mental health facility for treatment and their criminal matters are completed, or following assessment the defendant is deemed fit to stand trial the forensic court liaison service can no longer ‘assist’ the court.

# 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 the community or court settings.

## 5.3 Key Inputs

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

## 5.4. Pacific Health

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

# 6. Service Linkages

Linkages include, but are not limited to the following:

| **Service Provider** | **Nature of Linkage** | **Accountabilities** |
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| Other providers of services to people in the justice system or a “Special” patient as defined by the Act. | Referral, liaison, networking, collaboration | Work collaboratively with other providers eg, Department of Corrections, Prisons, Courts |

# 7. Purchase Units and Reporting Requirements

**7.1** Purchase Unit (PU) codes are defined in the joint 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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| MHF85A | Forensic Mental Health – Court Liaison Service – Senior medical staff | Service to divert offenders from the Criminal Justice system into the health system with either a mental illness, alcohol and drugs, and/or intellectual disability where that is appropriate and acceptable to the court. It provides consultation and liaison to the Ministry of Justice/Department of Corrections, the Court, and Police. This includes informal assessments, reports and recommendations to Court Judges, and information and advice to justice and mental health services about the Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 1992. The service is provided by senior medical staff, a component of a multidisciplinary team. | FTE |
| MHF85B | Forensic Mental Health – Court Liaison Service – Junior medical staff | Service to divert offenders from the Criminal Justice system into the health system with either a mental illness, alcohol and drugs, and/or intellectual disability where that is appropriate and acceptable to the court. It provides consultation and liaison to the Ministry of Justice/Department of Corrections, the Court, and Police. This includes informal assessments, reports and recommendations to Court Judges, and information and advice to justice and mental health services about the Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 1992. The service is provided by junior medical staff, a component of a multidisciplinary team. | FTE |
| MHF85C | Forensic Mental Health – Court Liaison Service – Nurses & allied health staff | Service to divert offenders from the Criminal Justice system into the health system with either a mental illness, alcohol and drugs, and/or and intellectual disability where that is appropriate and acceptable to the court. It provides consultation and liaison to the Ministry of Justice/Department of Corrections, the Court, and Police. This includes informal assessments, reports and recommendations to Court Judges, and information and advice to justice and mental health services about the Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 1992. The service is provided by nurses and allied health staff, a component of a multidisciplinary team. | FTE |
| MHF85D | Forensic Mental Health – Court Liaison Service – Non-clinical staff | Service to divert offenders from the Criminal Justice system into the health system with either a mental illness, alcohol and drugs, and/or intellectual disability where that is appropriate and acceptable to the court. It provides consultation and liaison to the Ministry of Justice/Department of Corrections, the Court, and Police. This includes informal assessments, reports and recommendations to Court Judges, and information and advice to justice and mental health services about the Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 1992. The service is provided by non-clinical staff, a component of a multidisciplinary team. | FTE |
| MHF85E | Forensic Mental Health – Court Liaison Service – Cultural Support | Service to divert offenders from the Criminal Justice system into the health system with either a mental illness, alcohol and drugs, and/or intellectual disability where that is appropriate and acceptable to the court. It provides consultation and liaison to the Ministry of Justice/Department of Corrections, the Court, and Police. This includes informal assessments, reports and recommendations to Court Judges, and information and advice to justice and mental health services about the Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 1992. The service is provided by cultural support, a component of a multidisciplinary team. | FTE |
| MHF85S | Forensic Mental Health – Court Liaison Service | Service to divert offenders from the Criminal Justice system into the health system with either a mental illness and/or and intellectual disability where that is appropriate and acceptable to the court. It provides consultation and liaison to the Ministry of Justice/Department of Corrections, the Court, and Police. This includes informal assessments, reports and recommendations to Court Judges, and information and advice to justice and mental health services about the Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 1992. | 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

The Performance Monitoring Reporting tables for the Mental Health and Addiction Service Specifications may be used for performance monitoring if specified as agreed with the Funder.