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**FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - MEDIUM SECURE SERVICE**

**MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES**

**TIER THREE SERVICE SPECIFICATION**

**MHF82**

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

**1. Service Definition**

The Service provides a level of security for Service Users who represent a serious but less immediate danger to others. Security must be sufficient to deter all but the most determined.

A good range of therapeutic and recreational facilities must be available within the perimeter fence to meet the needs of Service Users who are not ready for off-site parole, but with the emphasis on graduated use of ordinary community facilities in rehabilitation whenever possible[[1]](#footnote-1).

A comprehensive range of hospital-based treatment and therapy options will be available including:

* pharmacotherapy and bio-medical investigations and interventions
* psychological treatment
* occupational therapy
* recreational activities
* social skills training
* vocational skills training
* budgeting
* domestic skills training
* assertiveness and self-esteem building
* development of cultural links.

Individualised care plans are developed and implemented for each person admitted to the service. These plans are comprehensive, based on assessed needs, and include identified goals for the period of inpatient care. Plans are developed in conjunction with the Service User concerned, their family and whānau or carers, where appropriate, and relevant community services are involved.

Accommodation and personal care services are provided at no cost to the Service User, including the provision of personal care items when such items are lacking on admission.

**2. Service Objectives**

**2.1 General**

The objective of the Service is to provide inpatient care in a forensic mental health medium secure environment for people who require more intensive and or acute assessment and treatment in a more secure setting.

This Service is integrated with forensic mental health inpatient, community and liaison services, and forms part of a continuum of services.

**2.2 Māori Health**

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

**3. Service Users**

The Service Users will be eligible 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**

Access will be based on a comprehensive assessment (undertaken by a nominated health professional) that deems that a medium secure service environment is required for the Service User.

**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 Forensic hospital based settings.

**5.3 Key Inputs**

Refer to the tier two Forensic Mental Health Service services specification.

**5.4. Pacific Health**

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

**6. Service Linkages**

Refer to the tier two Forensic Mental Health Service services specification.

**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 code applies to the Service.

| **PU Code** | **PU Description** | **PU Definition** | **Unit of Measure** |
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| MHF82 | Forensic Mental Health Medium Secure Service | Service by a multidisciplinary team to provide inpatient care in a forensic mental health medium secure environment for people who require more intensive and or acute assessment and treatment in a more secure setting. | Available bed day |

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| **Unit of Measure** | **Unit of Measure Definition** |
| Available bed day | Total number of inpatient beds that are available to be occupied during the period multiplied by the number of days they are available during that period. To be counted as available the bed must be resourced, and either empty or occupied by a user of this service. |

**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[[2]](#footnote-2) may be used for performance monitoring if specified as agreed with the Funder.

1. Forensic Mental Health Services Managed Care Network (2004) Definition of security levels in psychiatric inpatient facilities in Scotland. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. 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-2)