

Mental Health and Addiction Services
Youth Forensic Services
Specialist Community
Service

Tier 3

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1. Status

These service specifications may be amended to meet local agreement needs.

MANDATORY RECOMMENDED

2. Review History

Review History	Date
First Published on NSFL	June 2010
Amended: clarified reporting requirements	February 2013
Amended: clarified responsibilities related to services in Courts, residences and referrals to inpatient services	September 2014
Amended: added MHIY87S purchase unit code, removed standard provider monitoring reporting tables.	April 2017
Consideration for next Service Specification Review	Within five years
Moved to Health NZ template. Updated links for PUDD and NSFL only. Amended DHB to become District/Region where appropriate. No other changes to content made.	September 2024

Note: In September 2024 a small programme of work moved all Service Specifications to Health New Zealand branded templates. No amendments were made to the body text or content of the Service Specification, so references to DHB, Ministry of Health or other pre-2022 reforms vocabulary will still exist. A larger programme of work to review and revise all Service Specifications is planned for late 2024 to early 2025.

Note: Contact the NSF Team, Te Whatu Ora | Health New Zealand to discuss proposed amendments to the service specifications and guidance in developing new or updating and revising existing service specifications. NSF@tewhatuora.govt.nz

Nationwide Service Framework Library web site [here](#)

3. Introduction

<p style="text-align: center;">YOUTH FORENSIC SERVICES - SPECIALIST COMMUNITY SERVICE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES TIER THREE SERVICE SPECIFICATION MHIY87A, MHIY87B, MHIY87C, MHIY87D, MHIY87E, MHIY87S</p>
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This tier three service specification for Youth Forensic Services- Specialist Community Service, (the Service) must be used in conjunction with tier one Mental Health and Addiction Services and tier two Youth Forensic Services - service specifications. In addition, it is linked to a range of tier three Youth Forensic Services Mental Health and Addiction service specifications.

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

4. Service Definition

The Service comprises a multi-disciplinary team that provides, at a minimum, the following functions in a developmentally and culturally appropriate way, to respond to the needs of young offenders severely affected by a mental health and or addiction disorder:

- court liaison service involving collaboration with the Child Youth and Family (CYF) Court Officer to ensure assessment and referral information is available for use in Family Group Conferences (FGC)
- specialist assessment service
- 'in-reach' services in CYF youth justice residences and Corrections youth units providing assessment, treatment and transition planning
- consultation and liaison to other mental health and addiction services, CYF Youth Justice residences and the youth units of prisons.

A primary function of the service is to facilitate a young person's transition (when it is appropriate for such a transition to occur) from the Service to: a Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS); youth or adult alcohol and other drug service; adult mental health service; or adult forensic mental health and addiction service.

The Service may be responsible for the case management and or ongoing care of a community dwelling young offender (ie, a young offender who is not compulsorily detained) when agreed by the Service and relevant CAMHS (or other service)

The Service will be functionally integrated with other mental health and addiction services to promote an integrated continuum of services. The activities undertaken by the Service will include but will not be limited to:

- development of comprehensive treatment and care plans
- 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 circumstances that may trigger an escalation of symptoms
- provision of evidence based psychotherapeutic interventions
- provision of evidence-based risk assessment/formulation/management plans
- provision of access to cultural services including a cultural assessment in accordance with Service Users' needs
- arranging in-patient admissions when required
- coordination of care with the CYF residence primary care service provider
- provision of specialist forensic mental health input to the CYF youth justice residence Multi Agency Meeting (MAT)
- attention to matters in relation to early intervention, maintenance of health, relapse prevention, problem prevention and promotion of good mental health
- support to CAMHS, other mental health and addiction services, courts, prisons, Department of Corrections, CYF, Police and other health, justice and social agencies, to help these services and agencies to better understand, identify and respond to the needs of young offenders.

5. Service Objectives

5.1 General

The objective of the Service is to provide a recovery-oriented community-based assessment, treatment and therapy service for young offenders who are severely affected by mental health and or addiction disorders.

5.2 Māori Health

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

6. Service Users

The Service Users are eligible youth from the age of 10 years and up until the 18th birthday and beyond until the twentieth birthday, if developmentally appropriate.

7. Access

7.1 General

Access is by a referral for assessment that may come from the Youth Justice Health and Education Assessment Programme, prisons, Courts, CYF or another mental health and addiction service and will be directed to the Youth Forensic Mental Health and Addiction service in the first instance.

7.2 Entry and Exit Criteria

Districts will develop their own local policies and protocols for entry to and exit from the Service (transition arrangements will include youth forensic service involvement until the Service User has engaged with the CAMHS or other service).

8. Service Components

8.1 Processes

The processes include those listed in tier two Youth Forensic Service service specification and:

- development and implementation of individualised care plans, including resilience/ relapse prevention, for each person admitted to the Service. Plans will be developed in conjunction with the individual concerned, with relevant community service involvement and where appropriate, with family and whānau and other carers.
- discharge planning will include appropriate transitional arrangements to community care, including attention to educational and vocational needs and goals.

8.2 Settings

The Service is provided predominantly in the community, in Courts, prisons, CYF facilities and Youth Justice residences. Consultation and liaison may include providing services in hospital settings.

8.3 Key Inputs

In addition to tier two Youth Forensic Services service specification, all staff will be able to relate to and work with others involved in the care and support of youth offenders.

8.4 Pacific Health

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

9. 6. Service Linkages

Refer to tier two tier two Youth Forensic Services service specification.

10. Purchase Units and Reporting Requirements

10.1 Purchase Units

Purchase Units (PU) codes are defined in Health New Zealand's Nationwide Service Framework Purchase Unit Data Dictionary. The following codes apply to this Service.

PU Code	PU Description	PU Definition	Unit of Measure
MHIY87A	Youth Forensic Specialist Community Service – Senior Clinical Staff	Service to provide a recovery-oriented community-based assessment, treatment and therapy service for young offenders who are severely affected by mental health and or addiction disorders. The service is provided by senior clinical staff.	Full time Equivalent (FTE)
MHIY87B	Youth Forensic Specialist Community Service – Junior Clinical Staff	Service to provide a recovery-oriented community-based assessment, treatment and therapy service for young offenders who are severely affected by mental health and or addiction disorders. The service is provided by junior clinical staff.	FTE
MHIY87C	Youth Forensic Specialist Community Service – Nurses & allied health	Service to provide a recovery-oriented community-based assessment, treatment and therapy service for young offenders who are severely affected by mental health and or addiction disorders. The service is provided by nurses and allied health staff.	FTE
MHIY87D	Youth Forensic Specialist Community Service – Non-clinical staff	Service to provide a recovery-oriented community-based assessment, treatment and therapy service for young offenders who are severely affected by mental health and or addiction disorders. The service is provided by non-clinical staff.	FTE
MHIY87E	Youth Forensic Specialist Community Service – Cultural staff	Service to provide a recovery-oriented community-based assessment, treatment and therapy service for young offenders who are severely affected by mental health and or addiction disorders. The service is provided by cultural staff.	FTE
MHIY87S	Youth Forensic Specialist Community Service	Service is to provide a recovery-oriented community-based assessment, treatment and therapy service for young offenders who are severely affected by mental health and or addiction disorders.	Service

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

10.2 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:

Email: performance_reporting@health.govt.nz

The Performance Monitoring Reporting tables for the Mental Health and Addiction Service Specifications¹ 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 <https://www.tewhātuora.govt.nz/health-services-and-programmes/nationwide-service-framework-library/about-nationwide-service-specifications/mental-health-and-addiction-service-specifications>