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| **YOUTH FORENSIC** **SERVICES -**  **YOUTH FORENSIC** **INPATIENT 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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**YOUTH FORENSIC SERVICE – YOUTH FORENSIC INPATIENT SERVICE**

**MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION**

**TIER THREE SERVICE SPECIFICATION**

**MHIY88**

This tier three service specification for a Youth Forensic Services – Youth Forensic Inpatient Service (the Service) must be used in conjunction with the following service specifications: tier two Youth Forensic Mental Health and Addiction Services, tier two Infant, Child, Adolescent and Youth Services and tier one Mental Health and Addiction Services. In addition, it is linked to the tier three Specialist Community Team, Youth Forensic Services, Mental Health and Addiction Services service specifications.

The tier two service specification for Kaupapa Māori services may also provide a useful resource to inform service planning and delivery.

This service specification defines Youth Forensic Services - Inpatient Service and its objectives in the delivery of the Service.

**1. Service Definition**

The Service comprises of mental health and addiction youth forensic inpatient beds and a multi-disciplinary team of skilled professionals. The Service will be:

* provided in a secure, age appropriate setting (which is also the least restrictive environment that is possible and practicable)[[1]](#footnote-1)
* functionally integrated with other community mental health and addiction services for youth, as part of the overall continuum of mental health and addiction services
* cognisant of the specific context and background of each Service User’s family and whānau and social networks
* dedicated to facilitating and promoting recovery and greater well-being
* dedicated to providing evidence based interventions and supports that are appropriate to each Service User’s culture
* focused to ensure active intervention, crisis intervention and prevention of the escalation or development of the individual’s illness, prevention of disability, and concerns associated with treatment, and the prevention of the development of dependency
* cognisant of intellectual disability and other disability and health issues that may affect some Service Users (and must facilitate access to other services when needed).
* able to involve the Service User’s family and whanau, when appropriate, in face to face meetings or using electronic technology for intervention planning and service delivery, including use of e-technology to communicate with other DHB services and other agencies (CYF residences, courts etc) for service provision and coordination.

**2. Service Objectives**

**2.1 General**

The objective of the Service is to provide secure inpatient level care for young offenders who are severely affected by mental health disorders and or problematic alcohol or drug use and are in need of:

* a period of close observation and or intensive investigation and or intervention, where this is unable to be safely provided within a community setting or other inpatient service for children and youth, or
* when providing secure care is instructed by the Court.

The Service will promote and undertake a recovery focused approach to stabilise and alleviate symptoms, and transition Service Users to appropriate on-going care.

**2.2 Māori Health**

Refer to the tier two Youth Forensic Service Mental Health and Addiction Services service specification. As the majority of youth forensic Service Users are Māori, consideration should be given to using a kaupapa Māori service model – refer to the Kaupapa Māori Mental Health and Addiction service specification.

**3. 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, who meet the entry criteria defined below.

**4. Access**

Refer to the tier two Youth Forensic Services service specification.

**5. Service Components**

**5.1 Processes**

Refer to the tier two Youth Forensic Services service specification. In addition the following processes apply but are not limited to:

* attention to education and vocational needs of the Service User
* discharge planning will include appropriate transitional arrangements to community care, support and educational or vocational options for the Service User
* ensuring the transport of all youth forensic Service Users to and from the in-patient unit are arranged (with Police, Child Youth and Family or Corrections) and informed by the Guidelines for the Safe Transport of Special Patients and Special Care Recipients in the Care of Regional Forensic Mental Health Services. Staff from youth forensic services will escort Service Users while in transit.

**5.2 Settings**

The Service is provided in a general hospital setting or a forensic hospital setting that is age and developmentally appropriate for the Service User.

The settings and physical features of the Service will give effect to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCROC) particularly with regard to the separation of services for children and youth from services for adults.

The Service will be compliant the Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention against Torture (OPCAT) to which New Zealand is a signatory.

**5.3 Key Inputs**

The Service is provided by:

* a multi-disciplinary team of people with skills and experience in identifying and responding to the needs of young offenders affected by mental health and addiction disorders, including an appropriate balance of health professionals regulated by the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003
* people regulated by a recognised health or social service professional body; people who interact with Service Users and who are not subjected to regulatory requirements under legislation or by any other means but are supervised by appropriately trained and regulated health professionals.

In addition, all staff will have an appropriate level of understanding of the legislative framework in which youth forensic services operate, as outlined in the tier two service specification.

**5.4 Facility**

Essential toiletries will be provided if such items are lacking on admission.

1. **Service Linkages**

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

**7. Purchase Units and Reporting Requirements**

**7.1** Purchase Units are defined in the joint DHB and Ministry’s Nationwide Service Framework Purchase Unit Data Dictionary. The following Purchase Unit applies to this Service.

| **PU Code** | **PU Description** | **PU Definition** | **Unit of Measure** |
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| MHIY88 | Youth Forensic Inpatient Mental Health and Addiction Service | Service to provide secure inpatient level care for young offenders who are severely affected by with mental health disorders and or problematic alcohol or drug use and are in need of a period of close observation and or intensive investigation and or intervention, where this is unable to be safely provided within a community setting or other inpatient service for children and youth, or when providing secure care is instructed by the Court. | 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. |

**9.2 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. Ideally, the Service will be co-located with other mental health services for children and youth. [↑](#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)