

**Mental Health and Addiction Services
Alcohol and Other Drug
Consultation and Liaison
Services**

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	November 2009
Amended: clarified reporting requirements	February 2013
Amended: added MHA71S purchase unit code, removed standard provider monitoring reporting tables. Minor editing.	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. Updated reporting delivery email address. 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

**ADDICTION SERVICES- ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG CONSULTATION
AND LIAISON SERVICE
MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES
TIER THREE SERVICE SPECIFICATION
MHD71A, MHD71B, MHD71C, MHD71D, MHD71S**

This tier three service specification is for Alcohol and other Drug Consultation and Liaison Service (the Service) must be used in conjunction with the tier one Mental Health and Addiction Services and tier two Addiction Services service specifications.

4. Service Definition

This Service will be fully integrated with other addiction services and will provide:

- advice, education, co-working
- training to areas such as pregnancy and maternal services, older persons services, hospitals, primary care, iwi / marae based services.

5. Service Objectives

- To provide a recovery oriented community based liaison service providing formal and informal education, advice and consultation within the community.
- To reduce relapse and take a harm minimisation approach.
- To offer expert assistance and advice in specific areas such as pregnancy and older persons services.
- To promote the awareness of co-existing addiction and mental health issues and advice on providing an integrated response to these issues.

5.1 Māori Health

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

6. Service Users

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

7. Access

7.1 Entry Criteria

Access may be from any source, including by Eligible Persons directly, or upon referral from primary health services, family, whānau and community members or inpatient services including local iwi services.

8. 5. Service Components

8.1 Processes

The processes include but are not limited to the following: engagement; assessment, information provision, consultation, liaison, advocacy, support, review process and discharge.

8.2 Settings

The Service may be provided in community, home and hospital based settings.

9. Key Inputs

A multi-disciplinary team of people with skills and experience in alcohol and other drug intervention, treatment and support, and who belong in one of the following categories:

- health professionals regulated by the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003
- people regulated by the Drug and Alcohol Practitioners Association Aotearoa New Zealand (DAPAANZ) or another 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.

9.1 Pacific Health

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

10. Service Linkages

Linkages are as described in tier one Mental Health and Addiction Services and tier two Addiction service specifications

11. Purchase Units and Reporting Requirements

11.1 Purchase Unit (PU) Codes

Purchase Unit 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
MHD71A	Alcohol and other drug consultation liaison service – Senior medical staff	Service to provide a recovery oriented community based liaison service providing formal and informal education, advice and consultation within the community. The service is provided by senior medical staff.	FTE
MHD71B	Alcohol and other drug consultation liaison service – Junior medical staff	Service to provide a recovery oriented community based liaison service providing formal and informal education, advice and consultation within the community. The Service is provided by junior medical staff.	FTE
MHD71C	Alcohol and other drug consultation liaison service – Nursing and allied health staff	Service to provide a recovery oriented community based liaison service providing formal and informal education, advice and consultation within the community. The service is provided by nursing and allied health staff.	FTE
MHD71D	Alcohol and other drug consultation liaison service – Non-clinical staff	Service to provide a recovery oriented community based liaison service providing formal and informal education, advice and consultation within the community. The service is provided by non-clinical staff.	FTE
MHD71S	Alcohol and other drug consultation liaison	Service to provide a recovery oriented community based liaison service providing formal and informal education, advice and consultation within the community.	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

11.2 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.tewhatauora.govt.nz/health-services-and-programmes/nationwide-service-framework-library/about-nationwide-service-specifications/mental-health-and-addiction-service-specifications>