

Job Description

Consultant Psychiatrist – Inpatient (Tumanako), Sub-acute Unit (He Manu Pae)

Mental Health & Addiction Services

Position Title:	Consultant Psychiatrist
Organisation Unit:	Inpatient (Tumanako) and Sub-acute Unit (He Manu Pae), Mental Health & Addiction Services
Location:	Tumanako Inpatient and He Manu Pae Sub-acute Unit, Whangarei Hospital, Te Whatu Ora Te Tai Tokerau
Responsible to:	General Manager and Clinical Director, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Te Whatu Ora Te Tai Tokerau
Primary Functions of the Position:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide psychiatric assessment and management of acutely unwell inpatients based in the Tumanako Unit and Whangarei Sub acute Unit. This may involve consultation with responsible community psychiatrist. To provide assessment and management, to participate in court hearings and to undertake any other activities required to fulfil the role of responsible clinician for patients subject to the Mental Health Act. To act as an effective member of multidisciplinary teams in both Mental Health and Addiction service and other specialist services. To provide supervision when required to a registrar and other clinicians.

Service Description

Te Whatu Ora, Te Tai Tokerau provides a specialist clinical mental health and addiction service to people in Northland. These services are designed to cater for people with significant mental illness and/or addiction that is beyond the scope of primary care services. Northland has a high level of deprivation and one of the highest percentages of Maori residents in New Zealand.

The Inpatient Psychiatrist works under the umbrella of the Clinical Head, Acute Services and the Service Manager, Whangarei and Kaipara Adult Services, and primarily provides psychiatric assessment and management of patients presenting to Tumanako Inpatient and Whangarei Sub-acute Units.

Functional Relationships

The Consultant Psychiatrist will develop and maintain excellent relationships with:

Internal	External
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Manager, Mental Health and Addiction Services (MHAS) Clinical Director Mental Health and Addiction Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients and whānau NGO providers Community services General Practitioners

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical Head Acute Services • Service Manager, Whangarei and Kaipara Adult Services, MHAS • Service Managers of Northland DHB MHAS • Clinical Nurse Manager, IPU • Associate Clinical Nurse Manager, IPU • Professional Leaders, Mental Health Services • Multidisciplinary staff of other MH service teams, especially psychiatrist colleagues • Director of Area Mental Health Service • Mental Health Act Administrators • Consumer Advisory Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police • Dept. of Corrections
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Key Responsibilities and Expected Outcomes

Te Whatu Ora Te Tai Tokerau has established a set of values by which the organisation will respond, in part, to achieving its goals and objectives through their workforce. The following Values and supporting statements are expected behaviours of each individual employed with Te Whatu Ora Te Tai Tokerau:

Values	Supporting Statement
Tāngata i te tuatahi People First	He whakapapa, he mokopuna, he tamariki, he mātua, he tūpuna. He aha te mea nui. He tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata Our people are central to all we do
Whakaute (tuku mana) Respect	He whakaaro nui ki ētahi atu We treat others as they would like to be treated
Manaaki Caring	Ko te manaaki – he whāngai, he kākahu, he ropiropi. Akona e te whānau whānui We nurture those around us, and treat all with dignity and compassion
Whakawhitiwhiti Kōrero Communication	Whakawhitiwhiti kōrero i runga te tika, te pono me te We communicate openly, safely and with respect to promote clear understanding and aroha
Te Hiranga Excellence	Kia kaha, kia māia, kia manawa nui Our attitude of excellence inspires confidence and innovation

The position of Consultant Psychiatrist, Inpatient encompasses the following major functions or key result areas:

- Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Client focused practice
- Communication & teamwork
- Professional development
- Relationship building
- Quality improvement
- Telehealth
- Health and Safety
- Privacy & Confidentiality

The outcome requirements of the above key responsibility areas are outlined below:

Key Responsibility Area	Expected Outcomes
Te Tiriti o Waitangi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to the promotion of the articles and principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the involvement of Māori within the decision-making process for their health and independence, within Te Whatu Ora, Te Tai Tokerau management processes and procedures • Include the articles and principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi within all aspects of the role and its outcomes • Ensure that consultation and engagement processes include appropriate mechanisms to meet the need of Māori in a culturally appropriate and safe manner • Attend the Te Whatu Ora, Te Tai Tokerau, Te Tiriti o Waitangi Training
Provide competent, timely and thorough psychiatric assessment of persons presenting or referred for assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessments will include evaluation of the present and past history including both psychiatric and other medical history, family history, social history, cultural considerations and mental state examination including an evaluation of personality. • When required, the assessment will fully comply with the Mental Health Act 1992. • All assessments will be clearly documented and communicated to relevant others including patients, clinicians, other agencies and family/whanau
Provide competent and effective psychiatric treatment to clients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment and response to treatment will be regularly reviewed. • Treatment will be planned in collaboration with the patient and relevant others including the patients family/whanau, the treating community clinicians and staff of other agencies. • Treatment plans will be clearly documented and communicated to relevant others. • Treatments prescribed and recommended will be based on current treatment guidelines and generally accepted specialist psychiatric practice. • Treatment will be carried out in accordance with the stipulations of the Mental Health Act 1992. • Treatment will reflect a recovery approach. • Treatment will incorporate the cultural preferences of clients
Work all rostered hours as required by the employment contract and at the direction of the Clinical Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When required, undertake duties on the on-call roster, both during normal working hours and after hours, to provide emergency assessments and management for patients referred to and/or already under the care of Te Whatu Ora, Te Tai Tokerau and/or to provide supervision and advice to registrars and other staff in these circumstances.
Meet current standards for professional clinical practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow guidelines and meet standards recommended by Te Whatu Ora, Te Tai Tokerau, the Medical Council of New Zealand and the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists. • Participate in regular peer review activities.

Key Responsibility Area	Expected Outcomes
Maintain and continue to develop clinical knowledge and skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be enrolled in and meet requirements of the RANZCP Clinical Professional Development Programme or other professional development programmes as agreed with the Clinical Director/Clinical Head. • Participate in regular in-service training activities.
Contribute to service quality assurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in clinical audits, case reviews and incident review processes. • Contribute actively to relevant quality improvement projects. • Ensure work meets standards laid down by Te Whatu Ora, Te Tai Tokerau and Ministry of Health.
Demonstrate commitment to a culturally appropriate and safe service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a working understanding of the Treaty of Waitangi and its relevance to health and health services. • Seek advice from cultural advisors when appropriate. • Routinely assess and respect cultural issues in working with patients, staff and relevant others.
Contribute to teaching of other staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervise a psychiatric registrar in training according to the supervision guidelines laid down by the RANZCP. • Provide teaching to other staff in the course of clinical work and at formal teaching sessions.
Telehealth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is the expectation of this organisation that SMO's are aware of the benefits of Digital Health (including Telehealth) and how it supports healthcare delivery and reduces inequity including for our Māori and rural people. SMOs will openly adopt and practice digital health delivery as part of the role either within existing services or future planned services.
Health & Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observe and promote safe work practices, rules and instructions relating to work, and be pro-active in hazard management • Willingly co-operate in the achievement of all health and safety goals and initiatives by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practicing and observing safe work methods; • The use of safety equipment; • Reporting unsafe conditions or equipment; and • Reporting and documenting all accidents or incidents
Privacy and Confidentiality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake all duties and responsibilities in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020, Health Information Privacy Code 2020, and Privacy Policies and Procedures of Te Whatu Ora Te Tai Tokerau • Complete mandatory induction training on Privacy responsibilities

Variation of Duties

Duties and responsibilities described above should not be construed as a complete and exhaustive list as it is not the intention to limit in any way the scope or functions of the position. Duties and responsibilities may be amended from time to time, in consultation with the employee, to meet any changing conditions and service requirements.

Person Specification

Education and Qualifications

Essential	Desirable
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specialist qualification in psychiatry.• Eligibility to obtain vocational registration with Medical Council of New Zealand.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocational registration with Medical Council of New Zealand.• FRANZCP or equivalent fellowship

Experience

Essential	Desirable
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Previous experience in inpatient and community settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experience as a supervisor of psychiatric registrars.• Experience working within a Kaupapa Maori environment and/or working in a specific culturally focused service.

Awareness and Understanding of

Essential	Desirable
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Te Tiriti o Waitangi and its application to the health setting• Privacy Act (2020) and Health Information Privacy Code (2020)• Health and Safety at Work Act 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health and Disability Commissioner (Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers' Rights) Regulations (1996)• New Zealand Council of Healthcare Standards

Skills & Personal Attributes

Skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Psychiatric assessment and treatment skills using a biopsychosocial framework• Supervisory and teaching skills• Skills in liaising with other health professionals and caregivers• Proven conflict resolution skills• Proven ability to meet timeframes• Computer literacy• Effective communication skills – verbal and written

Personal Attributes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open minded• Optimistic• Resilient• Supportive• Honest• Professional• Caring• Reliable

Performance Development Review

An initial review of performance will be conducted after three months, with an annual review thereafter.

An individual Development Plan will be developed to reflect the contribution this position is expected to make towards achieving the team's objectives and measures. Key result areas will be developed and agreed at this time.

Authorised by: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Acceptance

Acceptance of the position implies acceptance of this position description.

Position Title: _____

Signature of
employee: _____

Date: _____