

Position Description | Te whakaturanga ō mahi Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora

Title	Consultant Psychiatrist		
Reports to	Clinical Team Leader		
Location	Kāinga Tiaki Adult Community Mental Health Centre		
Department	Kāhui o te Ihi; Mental Health & Addictions		
Direct Reports		Total FTE	1
Budget Size	Opex	Capex	
Delegated Authority	HR	Finance	
Date	July 2026		
Salary band (indicative)*			

The Health System in Aotearoa is entering a period of transformation as we implement the Pae Ora/Healthy Futures vision of a reformed system where people live longer in good health, have improved quality of life, and there is equity between all groups.

We want to build a healthcare system that works collectively and cohesively around a shared set of values and a culture that enables everyone to bring their best to work and feel proud when they go home to their whānau, friends and community. The reforms are expected to achieve five system shifts. These are:

1. The health system will reinforce Te Tiriti principles and obligations.
2. All people will be able to access a comprehensive range of support in their local communities to help them stay well.
3. Everyone will have equal access to high quality emergency and specialist care when they need it.
4. Digital services will provide more people the care they need in their homes and communities.
5. Health and care workers will be valued and well-trained for the future health system.

Te Mauri o Rongo – The New Zealand Health Charter

The foundation for how we ensure our people are empowered, safe and supported while working to deliver a successful healthcare system, is Te Mauri o Rongo – the New Zealand Health Charter. It guides all of us as we work towards a healthcare system that is more responsive to the needs of, and accessible to all people in Aotearoa New Zealand.

It applies to everyone in our organisation and sits alongside our code of conduct as our guiding document.

Te Mauri o Rongo consists of four pou (pillars) within it, including:

Wairuatanga – working with heart, the strong sense of purpose and commitment to service that health workers bring to their mahi.

Rangatiratanga – as organisations we support our people to lead. We will know our people; we will grow those around us and be accountable with them in contributing to Pae Ora for all.

Whanaungatanga – we are a team, and together a team of teams. Regardless of our role, we work together for a common purpose. We look out for each other and keep each other safe.

Te Korowai Āhuru – a cloak which seeks to provide safety and comfort to the workforce.

These values underpin how we relate to each other as we serve our whānau and communities.

Together we will do this by:

- caring for the people
- recognising, supporting and valuing our people and the work we all do
- working together to design and deliver services, and
- defining the competencies and behaviours we expect from everyone.

About the role

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- Meet the needs of tangata whai i te ora (service user) and their family/whānau using contemporary care, which is safe, appropriate and effective. The care is based on comprehensive assessment, ensures continuity, and tangata whai i te ora centred, culturally sensitive and evidence based.
- Provide assessment, diagnosis and treatment in collaboration with the tangata whai i te ora, their family/whānau and carers and the multidisciplinary team to promote recovery.

Context for the role

Health NZ Te Toka Tumai has four Adult Community Mental Health Centres (CMHCs): Manaaki House (Panmure), Cornwall House (Greenlane), Taylor Centre (Ponsonby) and Kainga Tiaki (Mt Eden).

We provide a range of high-quality therapeutic programmes with a strong multi-disciplinary focus. The community mental health teams provide a comprehensive range of therapeutic treatment options in collaboration with whaiora (service users), their families/whānau, and local communities. This is achieved through the assessment and management of the complex health needs of whaiora with the provision of effectively planned, episodic care that supports them to manage their overall healthcare needs along with home-based treatment options available.

Key Result Area	Expected Outcomes / Performance Indicators
Clinical	• Assessment, formulation and treatment is planned, implemented and evaluated in collaboration with the tangata whai i te ora, their family/whānau and the MDT • Assume role of responsible clinician • Prescribe and oversee medical interventions • Maintain accurate records ensuring timely and collaborative use of the electronic documentation system employed by Te Toka Tumai Auckland • Provide education and information to tangata whai i te ora and their families/whānau • Completes all required documentation including forms, letters and clinical notes • Demonstrated ability to practice within the professional and ethical guidelines of Psychiatry
Communication and Liaison	• Ensure active collaboration with tangata whai i te ora • Ensure continuity of care between treatment settings. • Engage in liaison with family/whānau and carers • Ensure effective communication with other treatment providers, • particularly the General Practitioner • Document all communication and collaboration in the clinical record
Teaching and Supervision	• Provide Registrar supervision in accordance with RANZCP requirements • Provide education and supervision of junior medical staff and students • Complete required written assessments for junior medical staff
Service Development	• Identify opportunities for quality improvement • Contribute to quality improvement project work • Participate in auditing and evaluation • Attend service development forums as necessary • Participate in research as negotiated
Cultural Safety	• Maintain active knowledge related to responsibilities related to the • Te Tiriti o Waitangi • Collaborate with cultural advisors • Practice according to Tikanga Best Practice Policy
Professional Development	• Compliance with the RANZCP CPD programme or similar as approved by MCNZ • Participation in an approved Peer Review group • Participation in Grand Rounds and local CME • Attendance at relevant national and international conferences • Attendance at relevant service level training
Key result area	Expected outcomes / performance indicators for all Te Toka Tumai employees

Te Tiriti o Waitangi	• Remains focused on the pursuit of Māori health gain as well as achieving equitable health outcomes for Māori. • Supports tangata whenua- and mana whenua-led change to deliver mana motuhake and Māori self-determination in the design, delivery and monitoring of health care. • Actively supports kaimahi Māori by improving attraction, recruitment, retention, development, and leadership.
Equity	• Commits to helping all people achieve equitable health outcomes. • Shows a willingness to personally take a stand for equity. • Supports Māori-led and Pacific-led responses.
Innovation & Improvement	• Is open to new ideas and create a culture where individuals at all levels bring their ideas on how to 'do it better' to the table. • Models an agile approach – tries new approaches, learns quickly, adapts fast. • Develops and maintains appropriate external networks to support current knowledge of leading practices.
Collaboration and Relationship Management	• Models good team player behaviour, working with colleagues to not allow silo thinking and behaviour at decision making level to get in the way of doing our best and collegially supports others to do the same. • Works with peers in Hauora Māori Service and Pacific Health Business Unit to ensure the voice of and direct aspirations of Māori and Pacific People are reflected in planning and delivery of services.
Health & safety	• Exercises leadership and due diligence in Health and Safety matters and ensures the successful implementation of Health and Safety strategy and initiatives. • Takes all reasonably practicable steps to eliminate and mitigate risks and hazards in the workplace that could cause harm, placing employee, contractor and others' health, safety, and wellbeing centrally, alongside high-quality patient outcomes. • Leads, champions, and promotes continual improvement in health and wellbeing to create a healthy and safe culture.
Compliance and Risk	• Takes responsibility to ensure appropriate risk reporting, management and mitigation activities are in place. • Ensures compliance with all relevant statutory, safety and regulatory requirements applicable to the Business Unit. • Understands, and operates within, the financial & operational delegations of their role, ensuring peers and team members are also similarly aware.

Matters which must be referred to the Clinical Team Leader

- Performance and/or competence concerns

- Situations that place patients, staff or yourself at significant risk without support
- Professional issues
- Clinical standards failure
- Competence concerns
- Situations that place patients, staff or yourself at significant risk without support
- Fitness to Practice Issues

Relationships

External	Internal
• Interpreters • Referring clinicians/services • Other relevant clinical services/NGOs • GP's and other primary care providers • Family and Whānau • Training institutions • Mental health Lawyers • District Inspectors • Other relevant community organisations e.g. Police, Justice, MSD • Family Court • Drug & Alcohol Services (CADS)	• Clinical coordinator • Inter disciplinary team • Consumer advisors • Admin clerical staff • Other CMHC staff • Consumer Representative • Clinical team leader • Lead clinician • Medical Lead/Medical Director • Whaiora (Service Users) • Other Te Toka Tumai Mental Health Services, • Service Clinical Directors, Operation Manager • Consultants Group

About you – to succeed in this role

You will have

Essential:

- Postgraduate qualification in psychiatry, able to register as a Vocational specialist with New Zealand Medical Council
- Current APC

Desired:

- FRANZCP or equivalent

You will be able to

Essential:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the significance of and obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi, including how to apply Te Tiriti principles in a meaningful way in your role.
- With the support of Health NZ, proactively take care of your own health and safety, to ensure a safe and supportive work environment.
- Maximise the quality and contributions of individuals and teams to achieve the organisation's vision, purpose and goals.
- Establish and maintain positive working relationships with people at all levels within the public and private sectors, related industry and community interest groups and the wider national and international communities.

- Demonstrate a strong drive to deliver and take personal responsibility.
- Demonstrate self-awareness of your impact on people and invests in your own leadership practice to continuously grow and improve.
- Demonstrate the highest standards of personal, professional and institutional behaviour through commitment, loyalty and integrity.

Desired:

- Demonstrate experience/interest in working with tangata whaiora of diverse cultural origins
- Interest in service development and evaluation of service delivery.
- A forward-looking preparedness to explore new approaches to service delivery.

This position description is intended as an insight to the main tasks and responsibilities required in the role and is not intended to be exhaustive. It may be subject to change, in consultation with the job holder.

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