



# NSF PROJECT UPDATE

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### Phase 1

The Tier 1 document, outlining the overarching principles to be included in all contracts for Mental Health and Addiction services has been developed in consultation with the sector. This is now going through the Ministry of Health's approval processes. We are working on ensuring appropriate reporting mechanisms are aligned to the service specifications.

The Tier 2 and Tier 3 documents for Adult, Eating Disorders, Consumer-Led and Infant, Child, Adolescent and Youth mental health services reached draft 6, with extensive feedback provided on each draft. Consultation on these specifications finished in October and they are currently going through legal and financial audits, as well as aligning reporting requirements.

These specifications should have a new set of Purchase Unit codes and be ready for use in contracts from 1 July 2009.

### Phase 2

Phase 2 of the project, to review, revise and update the specifications for Kaupapa Māori, Pacific, Addictions and Family/Whanau services, began at the end of August. Four technical groups have been working on the details of the Tier 2 and 3 documents for these service groups. Drafts of these documents will be available through the following link on the Midland Regional Mental Health website;

[http://www.midlandmentalhealthnetwork.co.nz/page/midland\\_77.php](http://www.midlandmentalhealthnetwork.co.nz/page/midland_77.php)

Phase 2 of the project will continue until early March 2009. We welcome feedback from the sector during this phase.

### Phase 3

Phase 3 of the project, which will review the specifications for Maternal, Asian, Forensic and Older People mental health will begin in early 2009. Further information on this will be provided in the New Year.

### Ongoing

The Project Reference Group and the Māori Engagement Group continue to have on-going oversight of the project and provide further links for communicating with the sector. We are currently seeking Consumer, Family and DHB Funding & Planning representatives to join the Project Reference Group.

If you have any questions or feedback, or would like to be more involved in this project, please contact Roz or Miriam via:

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We wish you all a safe and happy Christmas, and look forward to working with you further in 2009.

**Roz & Miriam**

