

NSF Project Update

Tena Koutou, greetings for the festive season.

This year has been a productive one in progressing service specification development and sign off.

We want to thank you for your participation and support of the many contributing processes. Without you, achievements would not have been possible.

Service specification activity continues and we have provided an update for you.

Phase One

Adult Mental Health, Infant Child, Adolescent and Youth, Eating Disorders, Services Providing Consumer Leadership -

These service specifications have been signed off and complete with new purchase unit codes, and are now available for new purchases.

There will be a two to three year transition for current NGO services to move to the new service specifications. DHBs are conducting their own mapping process that involves mapping their current services against the revised nationwide service specifications. DHBs are initiating their own transitional plans with a two to three year timeframe.

DHB Provider Arm services will move to the new service specifications and Purchase Unit Codes from 1 July 2010.

Phase Two

Kaupapa Maori, Pacific, Family Whanau, Addiction -

These service specifications are being submitted to the Service Specification Executive, for the second time as part of the sign off processes. Some specifications have been signed off already. We expect the remaining specifications in this phase, to be signed off in December 2009.

Phase Three

Asian Migrant and Refugee, Youth Forensic Mental Health, Forensic Mental Health, Maternal Mental Health, Older People -

This third phase commenced in June 2009.

After a selection process, members were appointed to represent the various technical groups. These technical groups were required to contribute specific technical expertise to the review, revision and development processes for the specific suite of service specifications.



The six month service development phase has now come to an end, with the groups' final teleconferences being held the last week of November.

These service specifications will then be circulated to the wider sector for an eight week consultation period. At the end of January 2010 all the feedback will be processed and the final drafts submitted to SSPE for sign off.

Once phase three service specifications have been signed off and processed and the associated purchase units added they will be available for new purchases in 2010.

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