

# NSF Project Update

## March 2009

### Phase one

The Ministry's Nationwide Services Framework (NSF) project has been underway since May 2007. The aim of this project is to review, revise and update the service specifications for Mental Health and Addiction to ensure specifications reflect the services that are needed.

To date, the project has involved two phases and has directly involved over 80 people. Phase one reviewed the specifications for adult mental health, infant child adolescent and youth, consumer-led and eating disorder services. After extensive consultation and feedback these documents have now been submitted to the service specification executive group called SSPE for further critique. They will then go to PFG for sign off before acceptance into the NSF Library. These specifications are expected to be available for contracting new services from 1 July 2009. A training package for Planners and Funders will be developed to help explain the new specifications and how they can be used for contracting.

### Phase two

Phase two has focused on the service specifications for Addiction, Kaupapa Māori, Pacific and Family Whānau services. Technical groups have been working on these specifications for the past six months. The draft phase two specifications will be going out to the sector for wide consultation in April. Copies of the draft specifications can be found on the following website; <http://www.midlandmentalhealthnetwork.co.nz>

### Phase three

Phase three of this project, to look at the specifications for Forensics, Maternal Mental Health, Asian and Refugee, and Older Persons service will commence in June 2009.

### Reporting

We have been working to ensure the reporting under the new NSF reflects the information both Planners and Funders and services need. Data collected as part of PRIMHD will provide information about service users and the types and quantity of services they use. As part of the NSF reporting, information will be required at tier 1 and tier 3 levels.

### Project reference group

The Project Reference Group – made up of around 20 difference representatives from across the sector continues to meet on a bimonthly basis. The next meeting of this group will be a teleconference on 7<sup>th</sup> April.

If you have any feedback or would like more information on this project, please contact Roz Sorensen on: [Roz\\_Sorensen@moh.govt.nz](mailto:Roz_Sorensen@moh.govt.nz) or phone: 09 580 9075.