

Mental Health and Addiction Transformation Newsletter

Introducing the Mental Health and Addiction Health Sector Leadership Group

The Health Sector Leadership Group (HSLG) provides leadership and advice to support the Ministry of Health as it develops a response to the Inquiry into Mental Health and Addiction. The HSLG will test the thinking on the transformation programme needed and identify opportunities, enablers and barriers to support an integrated approach to address equity and achieve improved mental health and addiction outcomes for New Zealanders.

The Health Sector Leadership group will not be a closed room and will seek a broad range of voices. It will be wider than those names below, though those people are the core membership of the HSLG. Members will engage with the sector in a collaborative process. This process will be inclusive and our aim is to ensure a high level of effective engagement. Time-limited focus/advisory groups will also advise on particular areas comprising of subject matter experts from across the sector and these may also be cross-agency.

Our current membership

At the last meeting on 24 October, the group committed to collective leadership of the transformation, ensuring the programme is responsive to Māori and amplifies the voice of lived experience. We are still adjusting membership and seeking stronger input from Māori and those with lived experience. If you would like to more about our process please email MHATransformationProgramme@moh.govt.nz.

Name	Perspective/ Organisation
Ron Dunham (co-chair)	Lead CE, Lakes DHB
John Crawshaw (co-chair)	Ministry of Health - Director of Mental Health, Director of Addiction Services
Cameron Lacey	Clinical Leader, Canterbury DHB
Guy Baker	Nga Hau e Wha (National Consumer Network)
Jane Kinsey	National Mental Health and Addiction DHB General Managers
Janice Wilson	Chief Executive, Health Quality & Safety Commission
Leigh Murray	Family/whānau Advisor, Auckland DHB
Maria Baker	Chief Executive, Te Rau Matatini
Marion Blake	Chief Executive, Platform Trust
Monique Faleafa	Chief Executive, Le Va
Peri Renison	Clinical Director, Canterbury DHB
Peter Watson	Clinical Director, Counties Manukau DHB
Philip Grant	Chief Executive, Primary Health Alliance
Phyllis Tangitu	Te Tumu Whakarae - DHB Māori GMs
Rachel Haggerty	National GMs Planning and Funding, Capital Coast DHB
Robyn Shearer	Chief Executive, Te Pou te Whakaaro Nui
Shaun Robinson	Chief Executive, Mental Health Foundation
Sue Dashfield	Director, Werry Workforce Whāraurau
Toni Dal Din	Directors of Nursing Mental Health, Capital Coast DHB
Trish Palmer	National MHA Planner and Funders, Auckland & Waitemata DHBs
Vanessa Caldwell	Operations Executive, MidCentral DHB

Engagement approach

We will keep you informed about current and developing thinking, our immediate response to the Inquiry, the Ministry and sector's Transformation Programme, and Government/Cabinet processes.

Our principles

- We must be role models and carry on the good work of the Inquiry.
- We must acknowledge our past, be grounded in the present, and be ready to transform.
- We need to think in stages, including analysis and developing our implementation strategy. This is about a paradigm shift and transformational change.
- Through all our work, we must be responsive to Māori and responsive to those with lived experience.
- We must embrace change and own the implementation of these changes.

We value your input and want to hear your feedback

The Health Sector Leadership Group will seek a broad range of voices and members will act as connectors to channel perspectives, views and feedback through. They will link in through a range of forums and national, regional and local meetings to feed into the Ministry's advice to the Government. We will need significant input and feedback to inform the advice we give.

You can expect regular communications from us through a range of channels including the Ministry of Health website, through our members, existing groups and forums and through email and newsletters. There is also an email address for specific queries or topics that you may want further information about: MHATransformationProgramme@moh.govt.nz

Timeframes and activity

- The inquiry into Mental Health and Addiction is due to report back to the Minister of Health at the end of November 2018. The Inquiry report will also be released publically at this time.
- The Health Sector Leadership Group will share the report with its networks.
- We all need to take time to read, consider and reflect on the Inquiry report.
- There will be an initial Government response.
- Early in the New Year we will be gathering feedback, collecting our thoughts and formalising our response to the Inquiry findings.
- From there, we will begin development of the longer term plan to deliver on the direction agreed by cabinet to respond to the recommendations of the Inquiry.

We will continue to keep in touch,

Ron Dunham and John Crawshaw, Co-chairs