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To: Hon Matt Dooney, Minister for Mental Health

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About the Meeting

Purpose of meeting This is a regular meeting you have with Professor Lester Levy, Commissioner of Health New Zealand, and Ken Whelan, Deputy Commissioner.

While Professor Levy and Ken Whelan report to the Minister of Health as the responsible Minister for Health New Zealand, these regular meetings provide an opportunity for you to ensure that Health New Zealand retains a focus on your priorities and mental health, addiction, and suicide prevention more broadly.

Details of meeting

Date: 29 October 2024
Time: 4:30-5:00pm
Venue: Online (via teams)

Attendees

You will be meeting with Professor Levy and Ken Whelan. Ken Whelan is the Deputy Commissioner with mental health oversight.

You last met with Professor Levy and Ken Whelan on 12 September 2024.

Ministry representatives

Geoff Short, Deputy Director-General, Clinical, Community and Mental Health, from the Ministry of Health will attend the meeting to provide support.

Comment

Topics you may wish to discuss

- You may wish to take this opportunity to talk through your four pillars and the areas within those you'd like Health New Zealand to focus on. For example:
 - **Organisational structure:** checking in on progress with the structural and operational changes for Health New Zealand, and how the shift to a regional model is impacting on mental health and addiction
 - **Budget:** reinforcing your expectation around maintaining the mental health and addiction ringfence, and checking in on progress with improving oversight and understanding of current expenditure

- **Performance reporting:** reinforcing the need for robust and regular monitoring information and reporting against targets, and checking in on progress with detailed implementation planning and establishment of the mental health targets regime
- **Workforce:** discussing the mental health and addiction workforce plan and progress of its implementation.
- You may also wish to discuss key pieces of work underway, such as the Police operational change programme and the introduction of the Mental Health Bill.
- Potential talking points are provided in Appendix One.



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