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Meeting with the Mental Health, Addiction and Suicide Prevention Assurance Group, 17 October 2024

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To: Hon Matt Doocey, Minister for Mental Health

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About the Meeting

Purpose of Meeting You are meeting with the Mental Health, Addiction and Suicide Prevention (MHASP) Assurance Group – all members will be present. The Group wish to share and discuss their work plan with you.

Details of Meeting

Date: 17 October 2024
Time: 12 – 1
Venue: Your office

Attendees Dr Frances Hughes (chair)
Vince Barry
Dr Barbara Hughes
Dr Ian Lambie

Ministry representatives Not currently attending, can attend at your request

The proposed agenda includes:

- An update from you, including reflections and observations (15 minutes)
- The Group will reflect on their meeting with the Commissioner and morning's meetings (15 minutes)
- The Group will share their work plan and walk you through it (30 minutes)

Comment

The Group's role is to provide assurance on the implementation of your priorities as Minister for Mental Health

- As discussed in the March and April 2024 briefings to you [H2024038083 and H2024039725 refer], the Group's purpose is to provide assurance to you and the Ministry on the implementation of your Mental Health portfolio priorities within and across the mental health, addiction, and suicide prevention systems.
- As outlined in their Terms of Reference, the Group will:
 - provide assurance on progress against milestones and metrics for delivery against Government expectations in relation to mental health, addiction, and suicide prevention
 - provide advice on opportunities for the Ministry and Health New Zealand (HNZ) to deliver on your priorities
 - support effective relationships with other key stakeholders including key mental health and addiction organisations and providers, and people with lived experience.

The Group are gaining a foundation in mental health, addiction and suicide prevention work across Health New Zealand and the Ministry

- A series of deep dives are taking place today with Ministry and Health New Zealand officials to cover:
 - the mental health and addiction targets and implementation plans
 - monitoring of the system, including the ringfence
 - workforce development centres
- The Group are also meeting Commissioner Lester Levy to cover:
 - The structure of Health New Zealand and whether it can deliver the changes needed across the mental health and addiction system.
 - How Health New Zealand is ensuring the workforce development centres (WDCs) are implementing the Minister's priorities and providing the pipeline of mental health and addiction training?
 - What mechanisms are in place for Health New Zealand to be assured of progress on implementing the Minister for Mental Health's priorities?



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Date: 15/10/24