# Making a submission

### A Guide to the Commissioning Framework for Mental Health and Addiction (2015): Consultation document

**Submissions close on Friday, 13 November 2015 at 5.00 pm.**

The Ministry of Health must have your submission by this time. Our preference is to receive submissions electronically either by email or on-line. Please ensure that the Ministry of Health receives it before the closing time as any submissions received after this time will not be included in the analysis of submissions, even if they have been posted earlier.

In making your submission, please include or cite relevant supporting evidence if you are able to do so.

The following questions may help you to focus your submission. However, you do not have to answer the questions if you prefer to structure your submission in some other way.

General questions

1. Do you think the Commissioning Framework achieves its purpose of providing a national commissioning approach to enable an outcomes-focused approach to Mental Health and Addiction?
2. Do you think the Commissioning Framework will result in a better understanding of the needs of communities and a broader focus on health and wellbeing?

Section specific

1. Does Chapter One clearly describe a nationally consistent approach to commissioning care that will not only support the achievement of *Rising to the Challenge: The Mental Health and Addiction Service Development Plan 2012–2017* but also shapes the system into the future?
2. Are the benefits of the commissioning approach clearly described?
3. Do you think that the Commissioning Frameworks purpose, principles, values and scope are clearly described?
4. Are the essential features (national expectations and requirements, who for, person-centred, community served, five phases of the cycle, four key components and did it work?) of the Commissioning Framework clearly articulated?
5. Does the commissioning cycle capture the dynamic nature of commissioning and how activity flows?
6. Are the five phases of the commissioning cycle clear?
7. Are the four key components that will support a shift towards an outcomes-focused approach to mental health and addiction clearly described?
8. Do you have any other comments related to the Commissioning Framework for Mental Health and Addiction?

There are two ways you can make a submission.

* Fill out the submission form on the following pages of this document. Also available on the Ministry of Health’s website, <http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/consultations> and complete the online form or email it to commissioningframework@moh.govt.nz

**OR**

* Our preference is to receive submissions electronically however hard copies of completed submission forms can be posted to:

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Please send only *one* copy of your submission and ensure you allow postal time so it is received by the closing date. The Ministry of Health will acknowledge all submissions and a summary of submissions will be posted on the Ministry of Health’s website.

The Ministry of Health will hold a series of sector workshops at which interested parties can discuss this consultation document and ask questions to inform their written submissions. The dates, times and locations of these meetings will be published on the consultation section of the Ministry’s website.

Note: Your submission may be requested under the Official Information Act 1982. If this happens, the Ministry of Health will be required to release your submission to the person who requested it.

## Submission form

You do not have to answer all the questions or provide personal information if you do not want to.

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Asian  District health board

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**Introduction**

The development of the Commissioning Framework is a specific action from *Rising to the Challenge: The Mental Health and Addiction Service Development Plan 2012–2017* (Ministry of Health, 2012). We have worked with the sector to define the approach and to develop the framework.

This project is part of a programme of work to move towards an outcomes-focused approach for Mental Health & Addiction and is closely connected to the development of a National Population Outcomes Framework and associated measures- including the review and refinement of existing measures.

The Commissioning Framework project was initiated in September 2014. Following the sector workshop in November 2014, an Advisory group was established to develop the detail of the key components and provide advice to the Steering group.

We have now drafted this Commissioning Framework that describes the key components and provides a national approach to support better outcomes for Mental Health and Addiction. This draft document has been developed to provide guidance to the sector, and has been informed by relevant information from a range of sources that are important for commissioning. It also identifies some actions that need to be taken by the Ministry of Health to allow for innovative and integrated approaches to be supported within the national framework.

This is new and exciting work and we hope that it will generate discussion and there will be many opportunities for feedback through national, regional and local consultation, workshops and forums.

## Questions - General

The Commissioning Framework for Mental Health and Addiction aims to place people at the centre of commissioning to achieve equitable outcomes, wherever people live, and whatever their circumstances. It is part of an outcome-focused approach intended to shift the focus from ‘how’ things are done, to outcomes that will make a real difference for people experiencing mental health and /or addiction.

**Question 1**

Do you think the Commissioning Framework achieves its purpose of providing a national commissioning approach to enable an outcomes-focused approach to Mental Health and Addiction? (If no, please specify)

Yes No

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**Question 2**

Do you think the Commissioning Framework will result in a better understanding of the needs of communities and a broader focus on health and wellbeing?

Yes No

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## Questions – Section Specific

**Chapter 1– Why develop a Framework?**

In this section, we refer to three key national documents that were released in 2012 that set out the direction for the mental health and addiction sector over the next 5 to 10 years.

The 2015 New Zealand Productivity Commission report looked at how to make   
New Zealand’s government funded social services more effective so they improve people’s lives and raise social wellbeing. This Commissioning Framework has been developed to address this issue by providing a national structure that can be used to approach commissioning for mental health and addiction in a consistent way across New Zealand.

**Question 3**

Does Chapter One clearly describe a nationally consistent approach to commissioning care that will not only support the achievement of *Rising to the Challenge: The Mental Health and Addiction Service Development Plan 2012–2017* but also shape the system into the future? (If no, please specify)

Yes No

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**Question 4**

Are the benefits of the commissioning approach clearly described? (If no, please specify)

Yes No

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**Chapter 2 – What the Commissioning Framework looks like**

This chapter introduces the Commissioning Framework for Mental Health and Addiction. It sets out the framework’s purpose, principles, values and scope before outlining the different features that contribute to it.

**Question 5**

Do you think that the Commissioning Frameworks purpose, principles, values and scope are clearly described? (If no, please specify)

Yes No

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**Question 6**

Are the essential features (national expectations and requirements, who for, person-centred, community served, five phases of the cycle, four key components and did it work?) of the Commissioning Framework clearly articulated? (If no, please specify)

Yes No

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**Chapter 3 – How to use the Commissioning Framework**

This chapter supports use of the Commissioning Framework by describing the commissioning cycle in more detail. It covers both the five phases and four key components of the cycle.

**Question 7**

Does the commissioning cycle capture the dynamic nature of commissioning and how activity flows? (If no, please specify)

Yes No

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**Question 8**

Are the five phases of the commissioning cycle clear? (If no, please specify)

Yes No

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**Question 9**

Are the four key components that will support a shift towards an outcomes-focused approach to mental health and addiction clearly described? (If no, please specify)

* Planning methods
* Model of Care
* Service Configuration
* Based on results

Yes No

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**Question 10**

Do you have any other comments related to the Commissioning Framework for Mental Health and Addiction?

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***Thank you for your feedback – it is much appreciated***