



## 2024 September MHNS newsletter links

Kia ora MHNS Member,

There are two articles where MHNS is requesting your feedback. Also a selection of article links, that will be available on the MHNS website from this week.

<https://kaitiaki.org.nz/article/surely-the-safety-of-people-in-the-community-is-core-policing-work/>

The Mental Health Nurse Section is deeply concerned about the safety and wellbeing of mental health staff, service users/tangata whai ora and whanau. The withdrawal of police responses to mental health and family violence callouts will affect service quality and safety, just as it has done in mental health services in the UK. Please consider feeding back your experiences and suggestions to the MHNS email address: [MHNS@nzno.org.nz](mailto:MHNS@nzno.org.nz)

The MHNS Committee has requested to notify you of the following notification from Geoff Short, Deputy Director-General Clinical, Community and Mental Health.

This week is Mental Health Awareness week. The current call to action is to "Start the Conversation". Although suicide is a difficult topic for many people to discuss, World Suicide Prevention Day gives us a platform to talk, take action and work together to achieve positive change.

Suicide affects far too many New Zealand families, whānau and communities. Suicide prevention efforts in New Zealand are guided by [Every Life Matters – He Tapu te Oranga o ia Tangata: Suicide Prevention Strategy 2019–2029](#). The current Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2019–2024 comes to an end this year.

Public consultation on a draft Suicide Prevention Action Plan for 2025–2029 is now open.

Submissions close at 5pm Friday 1 November 2024.

This is an opportunity to share your feedback on the draft action plan and how we can work together to prevent suicide in New Zealand. Your feedback will help inform the final Suicide Prevention Action Plan for 2025 to 2029. This is expected to be released in 2025.

You can find a copy of the draft Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2025–2029 and information on how to have your say on the Ministry of Health website: [Draft Suicide Prevention Action plan for 2025 – 2029 Public consultation document | Ministry of Health NZ](#)

This link will also include information (once it is available) about:

- Online information sessions where you can learn more about the consultation. A recording will be added if you are unable to make the information session.
- Public consultation meetings. These will be held in selected places and online.

Please feel free to circulate this information through your networks. We welcome feedback from anyone who would like to share their thoughts. Your feedback is crucial to ensure we have a strong approach to preventing suicide over the next five years. For more information about the consultation process, please contact [mhaengagement@health.govt.nz](mailto:mhaengagement@health.govt.nz).

Ngā mihi nui,

Geoff Short, Deputy Director-General Clinical, Community and Mental Health

Additional links:

MHAW <https://mhaw.nz/>

<https://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PA2409/S00210/ministers-oblivious-to-cuts-effect-on-families.htm>

<https://www.mhwc.govt.nz/news-and-resources/new-report-highlights-pacific-wellbeing-challenges/>

<https://www.otago.ac.nz/news/newsroom/digital-natives-favour-in-person-mental-health-support-over-virtual-bots>

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/political/524547/unfair-criteria-shutting-mental-health-groups-out-of-government-funding-labour>

Ministry for Mental Health Manatū Hauora (17 July 2024). *Mental Health portfolio priorities: Report of the Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee: Period ending 31 May 2024 (CAB-24-MIN-0191), Mental Health Portfolio priorities (SOU-24-MIN-0054)* New Zealand Government Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa.

M Wilson, F Cram, S Gibb, S Gray, K McLeod, D Peterson, H Lockett (6 Sept 2024) *The impact of Individual Placement and Support on employment, health and social outcomes: quasiexperimental evidence from Aotearoa New Zealand. New Zealand*

*Medical Journal Te ara tika o te hauora hapori. pp.137(1602). ISSN 1175-8716 <https://www.nzmj.org.nz/>*

*A Brinkman NZNO PNA (23 August 2024) 111 calls, and the proposed Mental health services and Police response overview. [Anne.Brinkman@nzno.org.nz](mailto:Anne.Brinkman@nzno.org.nz)*

*S Kuehl, A Freeland, J Stanley, R Cunningham Almost one in five emergency department presentations are by mental health clients: a secondary data analysis. New Zealand Medical Journal Te ara tika o te hauora hapori 2024 May 17; 137(1595). ISSN 1175-8716 <https://www.nzmj.org.nz/> ©PMA*

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