Title: Work with forensic mental health patients to engage with preferred support networks

Level: 4
Credits: 5

Purpose: People credited with this unit standard are able to: explain the benefits and risks to forensic mental health patients identifying and engaging with preferred support networks; and work with forensic mental health patients to identify and engage with preferred support networks.

Classification: Health, Disability, and Aged Support > Mental Health and Addiction Support

Available grade: Achieved

Explanatory notes:

1. Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes:
   - Alcoholism and Drug Addiction Act 1966;
   - Children, Young Persons, and Their Families Act 1989;
   - Criminal Justice Act 1985;
   - Criminal Procedure (Mentally Impaired Persons) Act 2003;
   - Health and Disability Commissioner (Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers’ Rights) Regulations 1996;
   - Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003;
   - Intellectual Disability (Compulsory Care and Rehabilitation) Act 2003;
   - Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 1992;
   - Misuse of Drugs Act 1975;
   - Privacy Act 1993;

2. New Zealand Standards relevant to this unit standard include:
   - NZS 8134.0:2008 Health and disability services Standards – Health and disability services (general) Standard;
   - NZS 8134.1:2008 Health and disability services Standards – Health and disability services (core) Standards;
   - NZS 8134.2:2008 Health and disability services Standards – Health and disability services (restraint minimisation and safe practice) Standards;
   New Zealand Standards are available from http://www.standards.co.nz.
3 Primary references


4 References


5 Support should aim to: maintain, improve, or restore a person’s independence and/or interdependence; utilise the person’s existing strengths; and, where possible, utilise the resources of the local community.

6 This unit standard cannot be assessed against in a simulated environment. For assessment, candidates must demonstrate competence in the workplace through paid or unpaid employment, or in placements in a service provider workplace negotiated by an education provider.

7 Support provided for forensic mental health patients may include natural supports.

8 Candidates’ practice must reflect appropriate values, processes, and protocols in relation to working with Māori and Pacific peoples and/or people from other cultures, in a range of settings and environments.
Definitions

Assisted/assistance in the context of this unit standard refers to a candidate working alongside a forensic mental health patient to identify and engage with preferred support networks and community activities that are accessible, appropriate to the patient’s situation, meet the patient’s needs, promote the patient’s health, wellbeing, and recovery, and where identified risks can be mitigated or managed. Assistance is always provided within the bounds of the candidate’s role and responsibilities and the organisation’s policies and procedures.

Candidate refers to the person seeking credit for this unit standard.

Forensic mental health patients in the context of this unit standard are mental health patients who come within the four special patient categories. The four special patient categories are:

a. patients on short-term remand;

b. remand and sentenced prisoners who require assessment and treatment in hospital;

c. those who are under disability [Intellectual Disability (Compulsory Care and Rehabilitation) Act 2003];

d. those who juries decide are 'not guilty by reason of insanity'.

Natural supports refers to any assistance, relationships, or interactions provided to a forensic mental health patient by family/whānau, friends, peers, co-workers, or community volunteers. In a specifically Māori context, natural supports may include but are not limited to: kaumātua, kuia, tohunga, whānau, iwi, and hapū.

Organisation’s policies and procedures are the policies and procedures of the employing organisation of the candidate and include ethical codes, standards, and other organisational requirements.

Preferred support networks refers to assistive services such as natural supports, activity programmes, clubs and/or societies, agencies and organisations, churches, financial advice/support, hapū, iwi, marae, property rights and welfare guardians, and respite facilities.

Outcomes and evidence requirements

Outcome 1

Explain the benefits and risks to forensic mental health patients identifying and engaging with preferred support networks.

Range evidence is required for two forensic mental health patients.

Evidence requirements

1.1 The benefits and risks to forensic mental health patients engaging with preferred support networks are explained in accordance with the primary references.

Range benefits and risks aligned to meeting patients’ short-term and/or long-term goal(s) for wellbeing, benefits and risks aligned to meeting patients’ short-term and/or long-term recovery goal(s).
Outcome 2

Work with forensic mental health patients to identify and engage with preferred support networks.

Range evidence is required for two forensic mental health patients.

Evidence requirements

2.1 Forensic mental health patients are assisted to identify preferred support networks and which align with their wellbeing and recovery goal(s).

2.2 Forensic mental health patients are assisted to engage with identified preferred support networks.

2.3 Assistance is provided in accordance with the boundaries of the candidate’s role and the organisation’s policies and procedures.

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Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference 0024

This CMR can be accessed at http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do.

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Providers and Industry Training Organisations, which have been granted consent and which are assessing against unit standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards.

Requirements for consent to assess and an outline of the moderation system that applies to this standard are outlined in the Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR). The CMR also includes useful information about special requirements for organisations wishing to develop education and training programmes, such as minimum qualifications for tutors and assessors, and special resource requirements.
Comments on this unit standard

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