



# IT'S ALL GO IN MENTAL HEALTH

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## Reconfigured Project Team

In mid August we farewelled Sandra Murray who had been involved in the project since writing the Model of Care in 2012. Rebecca Mackenzie and Charmaine Wilson continue in their current roles.

We have seconded Joe Melsner (two days a week) as a Clinical Lead for the Project team. His current focus is on integration across services and strengthening community mental health, especially focussing on rolling out the One Assessment and One Plan, ongoing design and implementation of the Single Point of Entry and refreshing the Key Worker Position Profile.

Karen Kiriona is our new Project Manager working 20 hours a week. Her focus is on maintaining the project documentation and rigour, supporting the move into the new unit and working alongside Information Services to implement the technical requirements to support the service.

Also working alongside the project team and leading work in support of the project are: Karen Smiley, John Conneely, Natalie Brown (Information Services) and Nikki Prendeville.



## Home Based Treatment begins

We are pleased to announce that Waekura Home Based Treatment, which started on Monday 10 August, provides an alternative to hospital admission for people aged 18 and over.

The service offers clinical intervention and support at times when an increased level of care is needed, while allowing whaiora (clients) to stay at home. It provides up to two visits a day and will continue for up to three weeks with the aim of preventing the need for admission to hospital.

Referrals to this service can only be made by secondary mental health services. When clients/whaiora enter Waekura Home Based Treatment they will work with our experienced staff including a psychiatrist, registered nurses, a social worker and occupational therapists (pictured below). They also have access to Pou Arahi for cultural navigation.

As with our other new services and changes we have involved consumers including the Partnership Advisory Group (PAG), in the design and implementation of the Waekura Home Based Treatment service. Clients/whaiora concerns and recommendations have been taken into account. The positives of being treated at home include being safe and comfortable, family/whānau feel less isolated and more supported, freedom and independence is maintained, clients/whaiora have more control and say, and the treatment is in a private setting.

We are already seeing positive results from this client-centred care approach.

**Back row L to R: Louise Mullard, Himanshu Mistry, Bev Rye**  
**Front row L to R: - Sam Berry, Santhosh Thomas, Sharon Parkes**  
**Absent: Kirsten Foulds**



## Project Update

Work is underway to confirm the feasibility for the Information Services Project team to deliver the Information Technology requirements to support the changes we are making.

The community based acute services Wai-o-Rua (unplanned respite run by Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga) and Waekura Home Based Treatment Team have now commenced and hopefully staff will have been keeping up with these services as they are established through the Staff Updates.

Re: the building. The Contractors have now completed the external cladding and the scaffolding is being removed. The internal fit out is well underway. Work is starting on the external landscaping including footpaths and fencing. Exciting!

Those who attended the July Transform and Sustain would have heard a member of the Partnership Advisory Group (PAG) speak about the co-design work that has gone in to the transformation of the Mental Health Service in conjunction with the building of the new Mental Health Inpatient Unit. As well as the great work PAG is doing with Mental Health Services, they are developing quite a high profile and are in demand to talk to other groups within the DHB and externally who are wanting to engage in co-design.