

Overnight discharges from the mental health and addiction service organisation's acute inpatient unit(s) that result in readmission within 28 days of discharge

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Outcome

Improved management of demand for acute care.

Measure

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Type

Contributory measure

Relationship(s) to other frameworks

This measure is included in the Key Performance Indicator Framework for New Zealand Mental Health and Addiction Services. Refer here for full definitions: <http://www.mhakpi.health.nz/Portals/0/Documents/Indicators%20Definitions/Adult-Indicators-Definitions-%2020150529.pdf?ver=2015-06-23-112159-533>

Rationale

Psychiatric inpatient services aim to provide treatment that enables individuals to return to the community as soon as possible. Unplanned admissions to a psychiatric facility following a recent discharge may indicate that inpatient treatment was either incomplete or ineffective, or that follow-up care was inadequate to maintain the person out of hospital. In this sense, they potentially point to deficiencies in the functioning of the overall system.

Eligible population

Adults receiving mental health services who have spent at least one bed night in an inpatient unit

Measure status

Active

Numerator

Total number of acute inpatient overnight discharges in the reference period that are followed by a readmission within 28 days

Denominator

Total number of acute inpatient unit discharges in the reference period

National target

Local target

Milestones to be decided by Alliance

Data Sources

PRIMHD (Programme for the Integration of Mental Health Data) national collection

Data extracted from data sources

Available through District Health Board (DHB)

Data availability

Available through DHB and the Ministry of Health's Key Performance Indicator team.

Measure calculation process

Minimum inpatient unit stays : 1 night

Excludes readmission from same day events PRIMHD Referral End Code is not one of this :

- DD Deceased
- DM Did not attend following a referral

or

PRIMHD Referral End Code is not one of :

- DT Discharged to another healthcare organisation
- DW Discharged to other service within the same organisation

and

PRIMHD Referral To Codes is not one of :

- PI Psychiatric inpatient or
- AE Accident & Emergency