**Position Specific Requirements**

Youth Forensic Team

Child, Adolescent and Family Services

Specialist Mental Health Service

Waitaha Canterbury

Health NZ Te Whatu Ora

To be read in conjunction with Professional Position Description.

**Functional relationships to include:**

Externally:

District Forensic Mental Health Services

National Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

Adult Forensic Community Team

Nga Taiohi – National Youth Forensic Inpatient Service

Ministry of Justice, Police, Corrections, Court personnel.

Legal professionals.

Oranga Tamariki- Youth Justice and Care and Protection services

Education sector

Non-Government organisations, Community based agencies.

**Key Tasks:**

* To contribute to the continued development of the provision of Forensic service for youth within CAF SMHS for young people involved with the Youth Justice system.
* Provide psychiatric and AOD consultation, screening or assessment as required for Youth Court, Youth Drug Court and Te Kooti Rangatahi within Christchurch, Ashburton.
* Provide psychiatric and AOD consultation, screening or assessment for young people referred by Police Youth Services or Oranga Tamariki YJ Social Workers.
* Provide psychiatric and AOD consultation and advice to District services – South Canterbury, West Coast, Nelson Marlborough as required. Consider training and service development opportunities.
* Provide consultation and advice to external agencies, including residential/detention facilities and attendance at relevant Family Group Conferences regarding mental status, AOD status, risk assessment and treatment recommendations
* Provide mental health screening, assessments and treatment interventions for Te Puna Wai O Tuhinapo residence with a moderate to severe mental or AOD illness in collaboration with residential staff. Liaise with other CAFS / CAMHS services as required.
* Provide services as negotiated with Forensic Community Team for young people in Youth Wing of Prison. Attend FCT weekly clinical meetings.
* Perform DAO role as required
* Access referral pathways into mental health and addiction services as appropriate
* Provide advice and education for external agencies about the needs of youth with mental health and/or AOD problems and regarding statutory requirements in relation to them
* Psychiatrist and Psychologists complete Section 333 and 38 Court reports as requested.

**Position Specific Qualifications / Experience / Skills**

* Appropriate experience required in a combination of:

-Acute Mental Health; Youth experience is desirable

-AOD

-Forensic Mental Health desirable

-Community Mental Health desirable

* An ability to competently complete a:

-Mental state assessment

-AOD assessment

* An ability to accurately identify risk and plan and advise appropriate management strategies.
* An ability to promote effective relationships between YFT and external agencies
* Knowledge of relevant legislation including Child, Youth and Family Act, MHA, Criminal Justice Act.
* An ability to educate external agency staff in relation to mental illness / disorder and AOD issues and effective treatment / management.
* Good organisational and time management skills.