

Summary – Board Meeting No. 51

23 October 2025

Key Agenda items noted and discussed

The Board:

- **Discussed** the strategic comms and advocacy approach, using Crisis Responses as a working example
- **Discussed** early data on access to mental health and addiction services
- **Discussed** the approach to the 2026 System Performance Framework monitoring report
- **Noted** the plan to publish a monitoring report and accompanying literature scan on rangatahi and youth MHA services in 2026/27
- **Considered** the approach to monitoring the delivery of the Suicide Prevention Action Plan
- **Agreed** that Te Hīringa Mahara only uses the term “addiction/s” in the following contexts:
 - government and sector naming conventions for agencies and services
 - as defined in the current terminology guide by the NZ Drug Foundation
- **Agreed** to Te Hīringa Mahara adopting the INPUD/ANPUD principles of de-stigmatising language for use by staff and in our reporting about alcohol and other drug topics
- **Agreed** that Te Hīringa Mahara uses consistent terminology for use when referring to specific substance use behaviours and experiences using the NZ Drug Foundation terminology guide

Guests

Nil