

Briefing

Feedback on the first draft Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy

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To:	Hon Matt Doocey, Minister for Mental Health		

Contact for Telephone Discussion

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Purpose

1. The purpose of this briefing is to provide you with the Commission's feedback on the first draft Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy (Strategy), as required under the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act 2022.

Our feedback on the draft Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy

2. As in our letter to you on 12 May 2025, and briefing on 25 May (BN2025-012 refers) we are working with the Ministry during drafting of the strategy as well as provide you directly with formal written advice in response to the draft Strategy in June, and after public consultation in August.
3. We have received the draft Strategy, and provided feedback directly to the Ministry team. A copy of that feedback is attached; the key points are:
 - A more inspiring strategic vision could help galvanise and drive improvement in the sector over the long timeframe of the Strategy;
 - The Strategy needs clear measures alongside the objectives, to focus and track progress;
 - We would like to see greater emphasis on equity and delivering a range of services and options, to address differences in need;
 - More priority and support is needed for lived experience leadership, and lived experience and peer support roles in the future workforce;
 - The description of the Commission's role in the Strategy should be altered to align with our legislation and our role – we are happy to advise further on this.
4. Our advice is informed by our monitoring and reporting to date, and our upcoming system performance monitoring report, with its six key system shifts needed to change the system to achieve improved mental health and wellbeing outcomes.

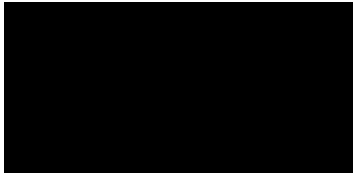
Next steps

5. We will continue to engage directly with the Ministry during drafting of the Strategy. We are meeting with you on 16 June 2025 and can use that opportunity to brief you further on our advice.

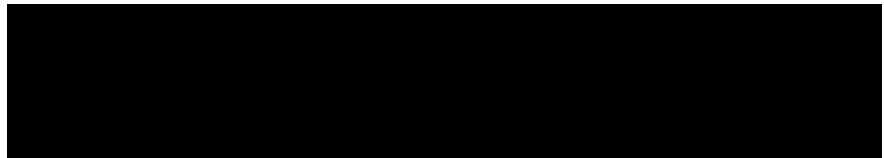
Recommendations

We recommend you:

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| a) | give regard to the attached advice, on the draft Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy | Yes / No |
| b) | note the Commission intends to proactively release this briefing as part of our proactive release policy. | Yes / No |



Chief Executive
Date: 6/06/2025



Minister for Mental Health
Date:

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