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A New Zealand National Perspective Of Mental Health Outcome Measurement.

Abstract

The New Zealand Government has committed ongoing special funding for the development of mental health services and the implementation of the national mental health strategy in New Zealand since 1994. A research and development component to this has had a strong focus on both the development and implementation of outcome measurement. This paper will outline both of these strands.

New development is occurring in outcome measurement for Maori, with work also underway for consumer-led measures, measures for alcohol and drug services and services for children and young people. New Zealand is also following other international initiatives in implementing routine measures such as HoNOS, and in changing a service and funding culture from being 'input' driven to focusing much more of what is achieved by 'outputs' and 'outcome' measurement.

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