

Eligibility and Exclusion Criteria for Family Mental Health Service

Adult Mental Health Services:

Eligibility Criteria:

On referral (including self-referral), the criteria for assessment is based on the person having a suspected, developing, or identifiable mental illness, and/or an addiction problem.

Services may prioritise referrals based on:

- Clinical Assessment about need and the severity of the mental illness and /or addiction
- The likely impact the mental illness and/or addiction will have on the person's ability to participate in activities of daily living, work, education and community life, and their role as a family and whanau member.
- Relevant legal requirements including the Mental Health Compulsory Assessment and Treatment (CAT) Act 1992 and Alcoholism and Drug Addiction Act 1966.
- The safety of the individual and/or of others such as family members.
- Clients may exit the service by transfer, discharge from the service or death.
- On entry to the service, the most appropriate course of action will be discussed in consultation with the service user and their family and whanau. This will be based on needs, strengths, mental health and/or status and supports. Service users must be informed of their choices and options for care.

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Child, Adolescent and Youth Mental Health Services:

Eligibility Criteria:

Eligible People/Services users include:

- children aged 0 to 14; adolescents and youth aged 15 to 19 years *
 - children, adolescents, and youth with Moderate to severe mental health disorders or suspected psychiatric disorders
 - other children, adolescents and youth with psychological disorders including severe emotional and behavioural disturbance.
- * Some flexibility based on emotional, physical and social maturity to accept those adolescents older than these age limits if their needs are deemed appropriate and suitable alternatives are not available.
- Particular priority will be given to children, adolescents and youth who are at risk of suicide or attempted suicide.

Exclusion Criteria:

These services are not to be provided for people whose problems are solely as a result of:

- Sexual abuse.
- violence and anger.
- intellectual disability (includes post-head injury) with or without behavioural problems.
- learning difficulties.
- criminal activities (anti-social behaviours);
- parenting difficulties.
- Conduct disorder.

