

Data caveats for the mental health and addiction target results: quarter 2, 2024/25

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Inclusion of referral date was mandated in October 2024. As such, data is incomplete for quarter 2. Data for Tairāwhiti and Midcentral is unavailable for Quarter 2.

This quarter, youth, Māori and Pacific providers are not included in the results as they are not yet submitting data at a patient level. These providers represent approximately 30% of activity in the Access and Choice programme. Work is underway to ensure we can include these providers in future quarters.

Faster access to specialist mental health and addiction services

Measurement change occurred for 2024/25 to support more current and inclusive monitoring. We have moved from a rolling 12 month average to measuring each quarter separately, by activity seen dates and inclusion of addiction services. This is reflected in results presented for any prior quarters in this report. Results for quarter are estimated to be under-reported by 2% due to delays in the data pipeline.

Shorter mental health and addiction-related stays in emergency departments

Quarter 2 reporting is under-estimated due to a high proportion (9%) of ED presentations having no specific presenting complaint recorded. Presenting complaint is required to identify mental health and addiction related presentations. The result excludes three level 2 ED facilities (not publicly funded).

This quarter, Auckland district implemented TrakCare, a new patient administration system, which has impacted data completeness for this measure. It will take some time for completeness to improve, and results published for Auckland may show slight variations in future reports due to subsequent data being more complete. This result does not include addiction-related presentations to ED.

Increased mental health and addiction workforce development

Workforce training figures exclude psychiatry training figures in Quarter 1. The definition only includes:

- psychology interns
- new entry to specialist practice nurses
- occupational therapists
- social workers
- stage one psychiatry registrars.

Other key workforces including support workers and alcohol and drug practitioners cannot be measured at this stage but work will be undertaken to add them in the future. The number of professionals entering training during 2024 is unchanged since Quarter 1. The figure excludes psychiatry registrars and hence underestimates performance.