



Position Description

Position Title:	Practice Pharmacist Comprehensive Primary & Community Team (CPCT)
FTE:	0.4 Negotiable (up to 16 hours per week)
Term	Permanent
Reports To:	TBC
Functional Area:	Partnership Services
Position Location:	Mid North (Northland)
Direct Reports:	Nil
Delegated Authority:	As per Delegated Authority or Nil
Budget Responsibility:	As per Delegated Authority or Nil
Key Relationships:	<p>Internal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership Services • Support Services • Digital & Data Hub • Project Hub • Mental Health Services • Network Enablement Services • Executive Leadership Team & Senior Leadership Team • Wider Mahitahi Staff <p>External:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Practices and Māori Health Providers • Locality Community Leaders • Te Whatu Ora (Health NZ) • Te Aka Whai Ora (Māori Health Authority) • Manatu Hauora (MoH) • Ministry of Social Development • Other Partner Agencies related to project work
Key Commitments:	<p>Mahitahi Hauora has key commitments. Every position has foundational commitment to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whanau Wellbeing and Equity • Te Tiriti o Waitangi • Relevant NZ Health Strategies

Mahitahi Hauora Overview

Mahitahi Hauora is a primary health entity underpinned by Te Tiriti o Waitangi, our Kaupapa includes ensuring whanau and communities are able to achieve self-determined wellbeing, access to the services they determine they need, and to live a long and healthy life. We work collaboratively with community, primary healthcare providers and key partners to support general practices, Māori health providers and social sector agencies in achieving better health outcomes for our Tai Tokerau population.

Central to the way we work are our Mahitahi Hauora's Values and Behaviours:

Tika	To be honest, truthful and genuine – <i>we are honest, behave and treat others consistently, are transparent, are trustworthy, and have courage to do the right thing.</i>
Pono	Fairness and Integrity – <i>we work towards fairness and equity in all our mahi, we demonstrate integrity in our actions</i>
Aroha	We respect and care for each other – <i>we show appreciation, compassion, kindness and empathy for others</i>
Kotahitanga	Collaboration and Unity – <i>we are all in one 'waka' paddling consistently toward a common purpose</i>
Manaakitanga	Supporting and valuing others – <i>we are caring and supportive</i>
Whanaungatanga	Relationships, belonging and inclusion – <i>we value and honour relationships and engagement</i>
Whakamana Whanau	Empowering Whanau – <i>we are strengths-based and put whanau front and centre of everything we do</i>
Whakapapa	Connection and Heritage – <i>we connect with each other and our history</i>

Position Purpose

The Practice Pharmacist provides Pharmacist care directly across the comprehensive primary and community team (CPCT) for people and whanau at greatest risk of poor health outcomes and to actively support hospital avoidance through provision and coordination of care, to augment the primary care workforce. This role provides care directly to people and their whānau, in addition to population-level and practice-facing activities that support the comprehensive primary and community interdisciplinary care team to provide accessible, equitable, and optimal use and management of medication treatments.

The practice pharmacist will work as an integral part of the Comprehensive Primary and Community Team (CPCT), interdisciplinary team (IDT). The practice pharmacist is a key member of the IDT and will be actively involved in interdisciplinary (IDT) structure and functions including meetings and using the systems and processes that support IDT functioning and outcomes.

Key Functions

- Supporting practice clinical processes in collaboration with other clinicians
- Medicines management and Optimisation
- Clinical evaluation of management of medication
- Medication reconciliation
- Advising and supporting whanau in understanding and experience of medication treatment.
- Collaboration with other community health providers to support management of care
- Manage and maintain the key priorities of the CPCT programme including supporting a priority focus on Māori, Pacific and rural people

Key Responsibilities

Expected Outcomes/Performance Indicators

<p>Clinical Pharmacist Services within scope of practice</p>	<p>Provide Clinical Pharmacist Services within scope of practice including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicines management and optimisation to improve medicines-related health outcomes through optimising medicines use (medicines optimisation/management review). • Clinical evaluation and management of medication use with respect to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ potential or experienced risk of medication-related harms e.g., adverse effects/reactions, medication interactions, high-risk medications ○ continued appropriateness, effectiveness against best practice, clinical outcomes, and patient experience determining best course of action for ongoing management such as deprescribing, modification of dose or therapeutic agent. • Medication reconciliation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ obtaining the most accurate list possible of patient medicines, allergies and adverse drug reactions and using this information within and across the continuum of care to ensure safe and effective medicine use ○ comparing this with the prescribed medicines and documented allergies and adverse drug reactions – with any discrepancies then documented and reconciled. • Advise and support whānau understanding and experience of medication treatment, how it can affect their health and wellbeing, including lifestyle, impacts on adherence, and issues that may occur with administering medications, including problematic polypharmacy. • Supporting management of long-term conditions through initiation and continuation of prescribed treatments within area of practice (Prescriber scope only). • Improve awareness and management of medicines-related harms. • Improving management of high-risk medicines e.g., lithium, warfarin and in at-risk populations e.g., diabetes, dementia, and during transitions of care. <p>Practice/System directed activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of medicines information and advice, including individualised pharmacotherapy advice, Pharmac/health system changes advice and implementation, education sessions • Medication utilisation evaluation, audit, and quality improvement to improve the delivery of best practice and care
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development and management of standards, policies, and procedures with respect to medications and their safe, effective, and equitable access and use.
Equity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remain focused on the pursuit of Māori and Pacific health gain as well as achieving equitable health outcomes for Māori and Pacific people • Support Māori-led and Pacific-led responses, including tāngata whenua- and mana whenua-led care coordination to deliver mana motuhake and Māori self-determination • Co- create pro equity health planning and care for individuals, whānau and communities • Willingness to personally take a stand for equity and commitment to helping all people achieve equitable health outcomes • Demonstrate awareness of colonisation and power relationships • Demonstrate critical consciousness and on-going self-reflection and self-awareness in terms of the impact of their own culture on interactions and service delivery • Work in accordance with Pae Ora Māori model of hauora
Comprehensive Primary & Community Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work in accordance with Te Mauri o Rongo • Identify skill sharing opportunities and delegation to other roles, in particular non-regulated roles such as kaiāwhina • Demonstrate commitment and understanding of simplifying and intensifying care based on risk profile and risk of health inequities • Promote comprehensive primary care teams by being fully involved and actively participating in the care for those with the most complex health needs. • Utilise as available IT enablers for interdisciplinary team functioning, including record sharing, tasking, messaging, assessment, care plans and risk stratification tools • Actively participate in CPCT interdisciplinary processes, including model of care development and cross-agency approaches.
Hospital avoidance/supporting early discharge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritise hospital avoidance and early supported discharge activities. • Work alongside and advocate for people and their whānau who are at highest risk hospital admissions to support successful care in the community. • Be responsive to acute needs.
Supporting those at greatest risk of poor health outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify people and whānau at greatest risk of complex health issues, and assess and / or review health and wellbeing need, including contribution to NASC assessments • Pro-actively plan and co-ordinate care for individuals and communities
Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support interdisciplinary team functioning and collaboration of the CPCT and other services by actively contributing to leading, nurturing, and supporting team development. • Demonstrate commitment, urgency and be visibly open, clear, and innovative whilst building mutually beneficial partnerships with various stakeholders both internally and externally.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Model good team player behaviour, working with colleagues to not allow silo thinking and behaviour at decision making level to get in the way of doing their best and collegially supporting others to do the same.
Professional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accept responsibility for ensuring that care and conduct meet the standards of the professional, ethical, and relevant legislated requirements. • Understand the principles of the Te Tiriti o Waitangi and be respectful of people and whānau personal beliefs, values, and goals. • Read and adhere to the organisation’s vision, values, policies, and procedures while representing the organisation in a committed manner and projects a positive image. • Demonstrate understanding of the Code of Health and Disability Services Consumer Rights and Health Information Privacy Code • Undertake education and / or qualifications required for the service. • Maintain confidentiality and appropriate escalation of concerns. • Ensure infection control and health and safety measures are understood and followed. • Recognise and value the roles and skills of all members of the health care team in the delivery of care. • Communicate effectively in an appropriate and professional manner with people and whānau, and members of the health care team that reflects the cultural needs of whānau. • Establish and maintain relationships with people and their whānau, other members of the interdisciplinary team and providers of services.
Innovation & Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be open to new ideas and contribute to a culture where individuals at all levels bring their ideas on how to ‘do it better’ to the table. • Model an agile approach –tries new approaches, learns quickly, adapts fast. • Develop and maintain appropriate external networks to support current knowledge of leading practice.
Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and maintain positive relationships with all internal and external stakeholders of Mahitahi Hauora.
Health & Safety, Compliance and Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain client confidentiality at all times, clients’ rights, privacy and confidential information are safeguarded. • Understands the principles of the Privacy Act 2020, and Health Information privacy Code (1994). • Recognise individual responsibility for workplace Health & Safety under the Health and Safety at work Act 2015 (HSWA 2015). Take all reasonable practical steps to eliminate and mitigate risks and hazards in the workplace that could cause harm, placing employee, contractor and others’ health, safety, and wellbeing centrally, alongside high-quality patient outcomes. • Ensure appropriate risk reporting, management and mitigation activities are in place.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain compliance with all relevant statutory, safety and regulatory requirements applicable to role and organisation. • Implements organisational policies and procedures, legislation and guidelines with their work. • Understand and operate within the financial and operational delegations of the role.
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Key Qualifications, Experience, Skills and Knowledge

Education and Qualifications & Registrations	
<i>Essential</i>	<i>Desirable</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Pharmacy (BPharm) or equivalent overseas qualification • Qualified pharmacist with current APC without restrictions • Pharmacists undertaking prescribing activities must be registered and have a current APC (without restrictions) in the Pharmacist Prescriber Scope of Practice. • Holds, or is working towards, relevant postgraduate clinical pharmacy qualification (preference to Postgraduate Diploma level or equivalent) • Advanced Computer literacy skills, e.g. Microsoft Office 365, SharePoint. • Current and un-encumbered Drivers Licence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmacist Prescriber Scope of Practice

Experience	
<i>Essential</i>	<i>Desirable</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate experience in cultural competence and understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in action • Comprehensive understanding of the inequities in access and use of medicines in Aotearoa New Zealand and its causes • Advanced written and verbal communication skills • Excellent time management and organisational skills • Excellent critical appraisal skills, being able to identify the best evidence-informed solutions to clinical and practice questions and issues • Primary or community healthcare experience • Advanced Computer literacy skills and experience e.g. Microsoft Office 365, SharePoint. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of two years recent experience in working within interdisciplinary clinical care teams – in primary or hospital settings • Experience in leading and advising other health professionals or providers of care • Experience in leading and advising other health professionals or providers of care in relation to medicines, related harms, applications and long-term conditions medicine management.

A commitment to the development in competency of

<i>Essential</i>	<i>Desirable</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Te Tiriti o Waitangi and our obligations in our day-to-day work • Confidence in expressing and observing Tikanga, Māori protocols • A good understanding of Pae Ora and He Korowai Oranga • Privacy Act (1993) and Health Information Privacy Code (1994). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Safety at Work Act 2015(HSWA) • Health and Disability Commissioner (Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers’ Rights) Regulations (1996). • New Zealand Council of Healthcare Standards.

Skills and Personal Attributes

Skills:	Personal Attributes:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong communication skills, both written and verbal. • Strong interpersonal and relationship building skills. • Has the necessary skills to handle confidential or controversial information with sensitivity, discretion and professionalism, understanding that all such knowledge remains confidential to the organisation and, within the organisation used only for the purpose originally collected. • Excellent organising and time management skills, and ability to prioritise and manage conflicting demands without compromising quality and flexibility, even in times of pressure. • Strong decision-making ability and ability to meet deadlines. • Advanced Knowledge & proficiency with Microsoft Office applications, particularly Word, Outlook, Excel and Office 365 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to work as a team and be a valued team member. • Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality and non-judgement respecting each individual’s right to privacy. • Attention to detail and accuracy. • Ability to exercise wisdom and initiative. • Punctuality and reliability. • Flexibility to cope with changing demands. • A professional attitude displaying personal integrity and honesty. • An ability to work with a range of teams and individuals; demonstrating tact; a calm and caring nature. • Open to learning opportunities and enhancing skills and knowledge relevant to the role.

Variation of Duties

Duties and responsibilities described above should not be construed as a complete and exhaustive list as it is not the intention to limit in any way the scope or functions of this position. Duties and responsibilities can be amended from time to time, either by additional, deletion, or straight amendment by the CEO to meet any changing conditions. Any variation to duties will be discussed and agreed with you.

Employee Name:

Employee Signature: Date:.....

Manager Name:

Manager Signature: Date:.....

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