

Position Description

Position	Occupational Therapist
Team / Service	Mental Health Service Older Persons (MHSOP) - Inpatient
Group	Mental Health, Addictions & Intellectual Disability Service (MHAIDS)
District	Capital, Coast, Hutt Valley & Wairarapa districts
Responsible to	Team Leader
Children's Act 2014	This position is classified as a children's worker, requiring a safety check including police vetting before commencing and every three years
Location	Te Whare Ra Uta, Kenepuru Hospital

Te Whatu Ora

The Health System in Aotearoa is entering a period of transformation as we implement the Pae Ora/Healthy Futures vision of a reformed system where people live longer in good health, have improved quality of life, and there is equity between all groups.

We want to build a healthcare system that works collectively and cohesively around a shared set of values and a culture that enables everyone to bring their best to work and feel proud when they go home to their whānau, friends and community. The reforms are expected to achieve five system shifts. These are:

1. The health system will reinforce Te Tiriti principles and obligations
2. All people will be able to access a comprehensive range of support in their local communities to help them stay well
3. Everyone will have equal access to high quality emergency and specialist care when they need it
4. Digital services will provide more people the care they need in their homes and communities
5. Health and care workers will be valued and well-trained for the future health system

Context

Capital, Coast & Hutt Valley district provides hospital and health services in primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare to a total population base of approximately 445,000 citizens.

We are accountable for meeting the needs of and improving health outcomes for all the constituent populations of our district, and the region more broadly. Together we:

- provide secondary and tertiary, medical, surgical and mental health and intellectual disability services alongside community based health care
- fund local health providers and work collaboratively with the community to create and support multiple health education initiatives and projects within the region
- deliver health services directly as well as contracting external providers

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for the Capital, Coast, Hutt Valley and Wairarapa districts*

Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa
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- provide local, sub-regional, regional and national health services as well as community-based health, rehabilitation and support services.

The majority of the district's population live in Wellington and Lower Hutt. The Māori and Pacific populations of Lower Hutt and Wellington are proportionally similar, with the largest Pacific population in the region in Porirua. Kapiti and Upper Hutt have similar numbers of Māori and Pacific people. Most people are enrolled with a GP near their place of residence, so the increasing focus on community-based healthcare is expected to lead to better health outcomes for these population groups. Hutt Hospital provides secondary and some tertiary, medical and surgical hospital services alongside community based health care from its main facility in Lower Hutt City. In addition to funding local health providers and working collaboratively with the community to create and support multiple health education initiatives and projects, Hutt Hospital is the centre for five tertiary regional and sub-regional services - Plastics, Maxillofacial and Burns Services; Rheumatology; Dental Services; Regional Public Health; and Regional (Breast and Cervical) Screening Services.

Wellington Regional Hospital in Newtown is the region's main tertiary hospital with services such as complex specialist and acute procedures, intensive care, cardiac surgery, cancer care, neurosurgery and renal care. The hospital is the key tertiary referral centre for the lower half of the North Island and the upper half of the South Island.

Te Wao Nui, the Child Health Service for the Wellington Region and Central New Zealand based in the new purpose built children's hospital on the Wellington Regional Hospital campus, supports babies to adolescents with medical conditions or who may need paediatric surgery. It provides both hospital and outpatient services.

Women's Health Services provide tertiary level maternity care in Wellington and Hutt Regional Hospitals and a Primary Birthing Unit in Kenepuru. The provision of services from Women's Health encompass community-based primary LMC care and breastfeeding support, and tertiary level obstetrics, gynaecology, and other specialist services.

Kenepuru Community Hospital and Kapiti Health Centre provide secondary and community services based in Porirua and the Kapiti Coast

MHAIDS is the mental health, addiction and intellectual disability service for the Wairarapa District and Capital, Coast & Hutt Valley District, with multiple specialist facilities. The service holds national contracts some of which are delivered in other district locations. Ratonga Rua-o- Porirua is our forensic, rehabilitation and intellectual disability inpatient unit.

Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Māori Health Outcomes

Māori are the indigenous peoples of Aotearoa. We have particular responsibilities and accountabilities through this founding document of Aotearoa. We value Te Tiriti and have adopted the following four goals, developed by the Ministry of Health, each expressed in terms of mana and the principles of:

Mana whakahaere Effective and appropriate stewardship or kaitiakitanga over the health and disability system. This goes beyond the management of assets or resources.

Mana motuhake Enabling the right for Māori to be Māori (Māori self-determination); to exercise their authority over their lives, and to live on Māori terms and according to Māori philosophies, values and practices including tikanga Māori.

Mana tāngata Achieving equity in health and disability outcomes for Māori across the life course and contributing to Māori wellness.

Mana Māori Enabling Ritenga Māori (Māori customary rituals) which are framed by Te Aō Māori (the Māori world), enacted through tikanga Māori (Māori philosophy & customary practices) and encapsulated within mātauranga Māori (Māori knowledge).

We will target, plan and drive our health services to create equity of health care for Māori to attain good health and well-being, while developing partnerships with the wider social sector to support whole of system change.

The Vision, Mission and Values from our District

We bring forward and join our values within our district. These will change as we become a team of teams within Te Whatu Ora.

Hutt Valley

Vision

Whanau Ora ki te Awakairangi: Healthy people, healthy families and healthy communities are so interlinked that it is impossible to identify which one comes first and then leads to another.

Ō mātou uara – Values

Mahi Pai 'Can do': Mahi Tahi in Partnership: Mahi Tahi Te Atawhai Tonu Always caring and Mahi Rangatira being our Best

Mission

Working together for health and wellbeing.

Capital and Coast

Vision

Keeping our community healthy and well

Value

Manaakitanga – Respect, caring, kindness
Kotahitanga – Connection, unity, equity
Rangatiratanga – Autonomy, integrity, excellence

Mission

Together, Improve the Health and Independence of the People of the District

Wairarapa

Vision

"Well Wairarapa – Better health for all"

Value

Manaakitanga – Respect, caring, kindness
Auaha – Solutions, responsibility, better
Kotahitanga – Connection, unity, equity
Rangatiratanga – Autonomy, integrity, excellence

Mission

To improve, promote, and protect health status of the people of the Wairarapa, and the independent living of those with disabilities, by supporting and encouraging healthy choices.

District Responsibility

The district leadership have collective accountability for leading with integrity and transparency a progressive, high performing organisation, aimed at improving the health and independence of the community we serve and achieving equitable outcomes for all. The leadership team are responsible for achieving this aim, aligned with our Region, within the available resources, through a skilled, empowered, motivated and supported workforce in line with government and HNZ policy.

Te Whatu Ora is committed to Te Tiriti o Waitangi principles of partnership, participation, equity and protection by ensuring that guidelines for employment policies and procedures are implemented in a way that recognises Māori cultural practices.

We are committed to supporting the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities (EEO) through the provision and practice of equal access, consideration, and encouragement in the areas of employment, training, career development and promotion for all its employees.

Service Perspective

The hospital and health services of the Districts provide a range of services, one such group of services includes Mental Health, Addiction and Intellectual Disability (MHAID) Service. The Service has over 1400 employees and annual revenue of \$135m.

MHAIDS spans two districts - Wairarapa, Capital, Coast and Hutt Valley and includes local, regional, and national services. The local MHAID services are provided from multiple sites within the sub-region – greater Wellington, Hutt Valley and Wairarapa. Te Korowai Whāriki services include regional forensic and rehabilitation services covering the Central region while the intellectual disability services extend the length and breadth of the country from six bases located in Whangarei, Auckland, Cambridge, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin.

The core business of the Service is the provision of quality specialist services, integrated with primary and secondary providers in the communities we serve.

The Service is committed to the underlying principles of:

- Te Tiriti o Waitangi as the founding document of Aotearoa/New Zealand
- He Ara Oranga
- Mental Wellbeing Long Term Pathway
- Whakamaua – Māori Health Action Plan 2020-2025
- The New Zealand Disability Strategy: Making a World of Difference – Whakanui Oranga
- Intellectual Disability High and Complex Framework

The Service has access to business support services including People and Culture, and Finance. In addition, management and delivery of clinical services across the Service is underpinned by consultation, advice, and support from a range of cultural, consumer, and family advisors, and business, quality and organisational development personnel.

Team Perspective

The Mental Health Service Older Persons is predominantly a community based service with a 16 bed specialist inpatient unit located on the Kenepuru campus. We work as a multi-disciplinary team.

MHSOP provides assessment, treatment and rehabilitation to people with a recent onset functional illness over the age of 65 and/or dementia at the extreme end with features of BPSD (Behavioural and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia.)

It is important that the person's physical status has been addressed and that delirium or other medical illnesses has been managed or excluded.

There is a group of client's with complex physical and mental health needs where co management across services may be needed. Early discussions with psycho geriatric and mental health services should take place to identify the best ways of working together with these clients.

The service operates on the philosophy of the least restrictive intervention and where possible to maintain a consumer in their own home or to return the consumer to their place of residence.

Role perspective

The role of the Occupational Therapist within this setting is to provide assessment and intervention for occupational performance issues identified through standardised assessments taken from recommendations of specialist assessors, care managers and legal documentation, delivered in a safe environment.

The Occupational Therapist works within the MDT providing occupational therapy assessment and intervention in 1:1 and group settings.

Purpose of the role

To provide effective, safe and clinically effective occupational therapy assessment and intervention to clients and to actively participate in multidisciplinary team processes.

Key Accountabilities

The Clinical Career Pathway (CCP) shown below describes the key accountabilities for clinical practice. The full career pathway has been included here to show progression of the pathway. In addition, there are specific accountabilities for Quality & Risk, and Occupational Health & Safety listed immediately after the CCP.

Key accountabilities	Deliverables/Outcomes
1. Clinical Practice	▪ Takes legal and professional responsibility for managing own caseload of patients /clients with increasing complexity and be able to independently adapt and make decisions regarding occupational therapy intervention. ▪ Utilises information available to prioritise patients/clients to enable appropriate allocation of referrals and workload with staff in the team.

Key accountabilities	Deliverables/Outcomes
	▪ Carries out comprehensive assessment with patients (and whānau where appropriate). This may include use of standardised assessments to assist in assessment and intervention planning. ▪ Formulates and delivers individualised occupational therapy intervention using comprehensive clinical reasoning skills and in depth knowledge of treatment approaches. This should, take into account the patient's own goals and those of the wider multidisciplinary team (MDT). ▪ Demonstrates effective communication, to establish a therapeutic relationship and set expectations with patients / clients, whānau and the MDT, inclusive of the wider health team and external agencies as appropriate. This includes relaying complex, sensitive and contentious information. ▪ Assesses the patient's understanding of assessment, interventions and goals and gains informed consent for intervention, taking into account those who lack capacity (e.g. those with cognitive difficulties). ▪ Regularly reassesses and evaluates the patient / client's progress against identified goals and adjust intervention as situations change. ▪ Refers on to other services to work with the patient/client towards achievement of longer term goals. ▪ Develop comprehensive discharge / transfer plans as appropriate. ▪ Carries out regular clinical risk assessments for patients/ clients on own caseload and takes action to effectively manage identified risks, seeking support where appropriate. ▪ Demonstrates provision of culturally safe and bicultural practice with patients and their whānau. ▪ Demonstrates an awareness of health inequalities, with evidence of implementing actions within own clinical practice towards reducing these for the patient/client and/or whānau. ▪ Represents the service and / or individual patients/clients at clinical meetings and case conferences to ensure the delivery of a coordinated multidisciplinary service and to ensure occupational therapy is integrated into the overall intervention (where appropriate) including discharge planning. ▪ Completes documentation consistent with legal and organisational requirements. ▪ Adheres to any applicable recognised best practice for occupational therapy and any relevant clinical policies and practice guidelines. ▪ Provides advice, teaching and instructions to patients, carers, relatives and other professionals to promote consistency of support being delivered. ▪ Demonstrates awareness of local, sub-regional and regional context in relation to provision of health and social support and the impact on service provision. ▪ Identifies unmet needs of patients and identifies potential solutions to address these needs. ▪ Demonstrates an understanding of the roles of the multidisciplinary team.

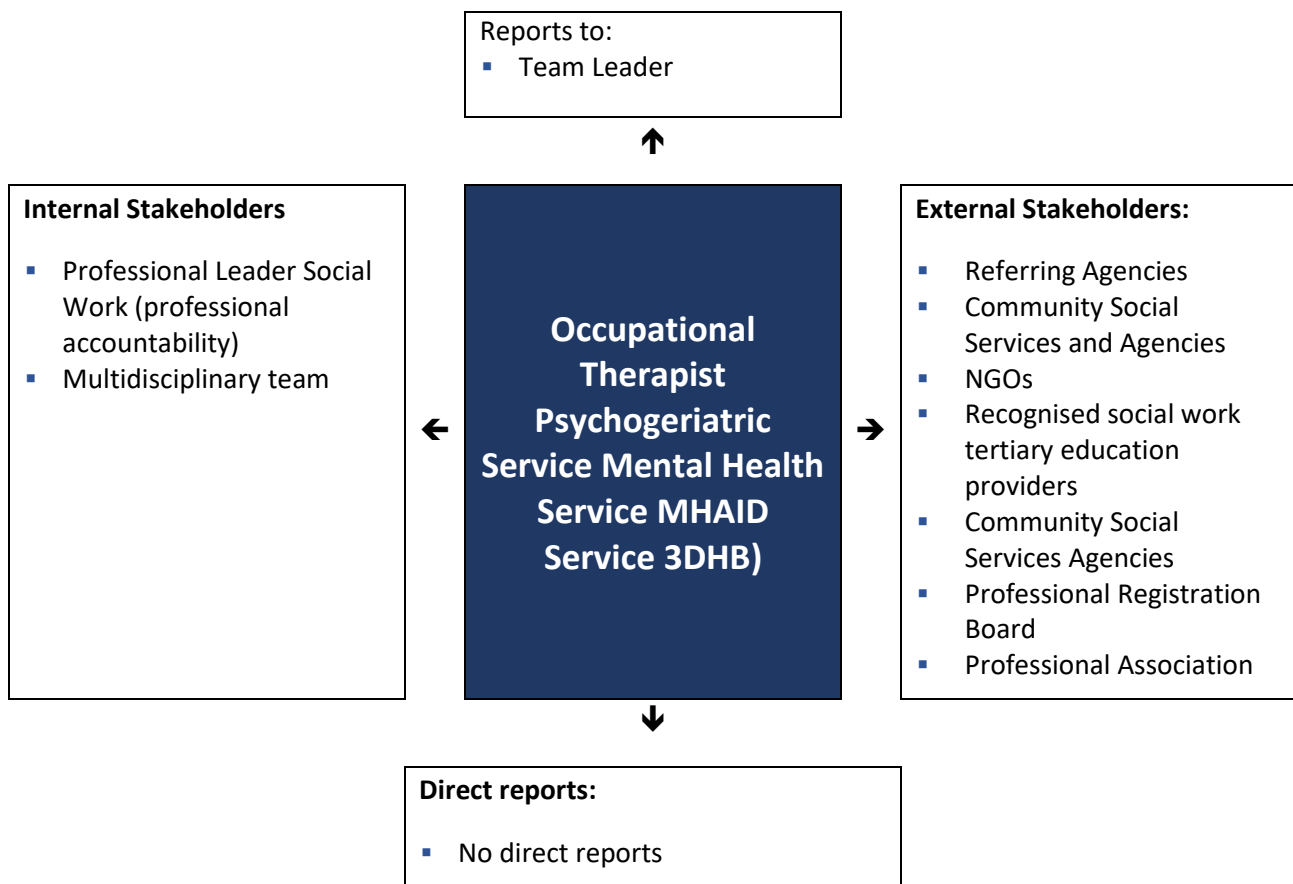
Key accountabilities	Deliverables/Outcomes
2. Teaching & Learning	▪ Maintains competency to practice through identification of learning needs and Continuing Competency (CPD) activities. This should comply with professional registration requirements. ▪ Contributes to training within the team/service. ▪ Supervises, educates and assesses the performance of occupational therapy students. ▪ Provides interdisciplinary education in direct clinical area, or discipline specific teaching across teams. ▪ Demonstrates the ability to critically evaluate research and apply to practice. ▪ Maintains an awareness of current developments in the clinical areas being worked in and make recommendations to changes in practice. ▪ Be involved in the induction and training of newly appointed staff as required. ▪ Completes mandatory training as applicable for the role. ▪ Participates in an annual performance review and associated clinical assurance activities. ▪ Participates in regular professional supervision in line with the organisations requirements and/or professional body. ▪ Provides mentoring and clinical support and / or professional supervision where required. ▪ Attends and contributes to relevant department, clinical and team meetings, leading and facilitating such meetings as requested. ▪ Assists team leaders and professional leaders in clinical assurance activities of occupational therapy staff as requested. ▪ Directs and delegates work to allied health assistants and support staff as required in the role, ensuring that delegated tasks, documentation and communication is carried out.
3. Service Improvement & Research	▪ Broadens research and development skills through participation in local audit and research projects as identified by team leaders, professional leaders or Advanced or Expert AH professionals. ▪ Participates in quality improvement activities to develop and improve service delivery, clinical practice or professional standards. This may include care pathways / treatment protocols, standards of practice etc. ▪ Develops and /or participates in regional / sub regional professional networks as appropriate to area of work. ▪ Establishes working partnerships with external organisations to promote integrated working. ▪ Contributes to annual planning process, including identifying gaps in service and participating in work / projects that may result from the planning process. ▪ Practises in a way that utilises resources (including staffing) in the most cost effective manner. ▪ Awareness of and complies with all legislative and contractual requirements as applicable to the role (e.g. Health and safety in Employment Act 1992, Privacy Act 1993, Vulnerable Children's Act 2014, Privacy Act, ACC service specifications etc.).

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	Works in other areas as identified or following a reasonable request in order to support the organisation in managing safe patient care and maintaining service delivery.

The following specific accountabilities apply in addition to what is described in the career pathway above.

Key accountabilities	Deliverables/Outcomes	Key Performance Indications/Measures
6. Quality and Risk	Contributes to the quality processes within the team/service	- Identifies risks, potential solutions and notifies manager of these - Complies with guidelines, protocols and policies - Complies with legal/legislative requirements - Participates in team/service risk minimisation activities - Complies with C&C DHB reportable events policy
7. Occupational Health & Safety	Complies with responsibilities under the Health & Safety in Employment Act 1992.	- Has read and understood the Health & Safety policy and procedures; - Actively supports and complies with Health & Safety policy and procedures; - Evidence of support and compliance with health and safety policy and procedures including use of protective clothing and equipment as required, active participation in hazard management and identification process, and proactive reporting and remedying of any unsafe work condition, accident or injury.

Key Relationships & Authorities



Capability Profile

Solid performance in the role requires demonstration of the following competencies. These competencies provide a framework for selection and development.

Competency	Behaviours
Strategic Agility	▪ Sees ahead clearly ▪ Can anticipate future consequences and trends accurately ▪ Has broad knowledge and perspective ▪ Is future oriented ▪ Can articulately paint credible pictures and visions of possibilities and likelihoods ▪ Can create competitive and breakthrough strategies and plans
Integrity and Trust	▪ Is widely trusted ▪ Is seen as a direct, truthful individual ▪ Can present the unvarnished truth in an appropriate and helpful manner ▪ Keeps confidences and Admits mistakes ▪ Doesn't misrepresent her/himself for personal gain
Problem Solving	▪ Uses rigorous logic and methods to solve difficult problems with effective solutions ▪ Probes all fruitful sources for answers ▪ Can see hidden problems ▪ Is excellent at honest analysis ▪ Looks beyond the obvious and doesn't stop at first answers

Competency	Behaviours
Managing Vision & Purpose	- Communicates a compelling and inspired vision or sense of core purpose - Talks beyond today - Talks about possibilities - Is optimistic - Creates mileposts and symbols to rally support behind vision - Makes the vision sharable by everyone - Can inspire and motivate entire units or organisations
Planning	- Accurately scopes out length and difficulty of tasks and projects - Sets objectives and goals - Breaks down work into the process steps - Develops schedules and task/people assignments - Anticipates and adjusts for problems and roadblocks - Measures performance against goals - Evaluates results
Dealing with Ambiguity	- Can effectively cope with change - Can shift gears comfortably - Can decide and act without having the total picture - Isn't upset when things are up in the air - Doesn't have to finish things before moving on - Can comfortably handle risk & uncertainty
Intellectual Horsepower	- Is bright and intelligent - Deals with concepts and complexity comfortably - Described as intellectually sharp, capable, and agile
Drive for Results	- Can be counted on to exceed goals successfully - Is constantly and consistently one of the top performers - Very bottom-line oriented - Steadfastly pushes self and others for results
Motivating others	- Creates a climate in which people want to do their best - Can motivate many kinds of direct reports and team or project members - Can assess each person's hot button and use it to get the best out of him/her - Pushes tasks and decisions down
Interpersonal Savvy	- Relates well to all kinds of people – up, down, and sideways, inside and outside the organisation - Builds appropriate rapport - Builds constructive and effective relationships - Uses diplomacy and tact - Can diffuse even high-tension situations comfortably

Experience and Capability

Essential qualifications, skills and experience

A. Knowledge, Skills & Experience:

- Risk management and formulation
- Strong Occupational Therapy practice –experience promoting the Occupational Therapy role whilst working as part of an MDT
- Sensory Modulation knowledge
- Ability to support a large MDT
- Evidence of experience working in an acute environment
- Demonstrates skills and knowledge in the application of functional, cognitive, recovery and rehabilitative approaches to Occupational Therapy based assessment and intervention.
- Demonstrates evidence of advanced clinical reasoning.
- Experience supervising OT colleagues

B. Essential Professional Qualifications / Accreditations / Registrations:

- NZ Registered Occupational Therapist with current annual practicing certificate.
- Member of Occupational Therapy New Zealand - Professional Association (desirable).
- Someone well-suited to the role will place a high value on the following:
 - Focus on delivering high quality care for the patient/client/whānau.
 - Self motivated in developing clinical and professional practice.
- Have an on-going commitment to best practice
- Providing fieldwork opportunities for students

C. Someone well-suited to the role will place a high value on the following:

- A commitment and understanding of the Treaty of Waitangi (and application to health) and a willingness to work positively in improving health outcomes for Maori.
- Current full NZ driver's licence with ability to drive a manual and automatic car (required for roles based in the community or where the role may be required to work across multiple sites).
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office, Word, Outlook, PowerPoint, Internet resources and e-mail.
- A high standard of written and spoken English.

Ma tini, ma mano, ka rapa te whai
By joining together we will succeed