# Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora

# Surfing the Tsunami

Ensuring improved health outcomes in our communities

## Background

## Overloaded Adult MH Sector Team

- high clinical caseloads
- unclear expectations of caseload capacity
- high level of staff resignation
- continued receipt of referrals (601 open referrals)
- unclear expectation of purpose of clinical meetings

## **Managing Risk**

- Workstreams collaborative input for a collective responsive and communication approach
- care coordination interim waitlist, wellbeing checks and managing risk
- prioritisation matrix management of referrals, review of caseloads, waitlist review
- caseload flow clinician and doctor caseload reviews against the prioritisation matrix to identify acuity of caseload, transition planning and workload capacity

## Managing Risk cont/...

- team capacity staff recruitment
- team wellbeing staff retention (communication)
- waitlist allocation prioritisation matrix for managing caseload acuity
- referral clean up audit of all referrals iPM vs CWS (50 required closing in iPM; and, referral allocation)
- data informed operations waitlist management and information tools

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# "Severity evaluation" should include the combination of 8 Domains\*

#### **PRIMARY DOMAINS\***

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- 2. Risk of Harm
- 3. Functioning
- 4. Impact of Co-Existing Conditions

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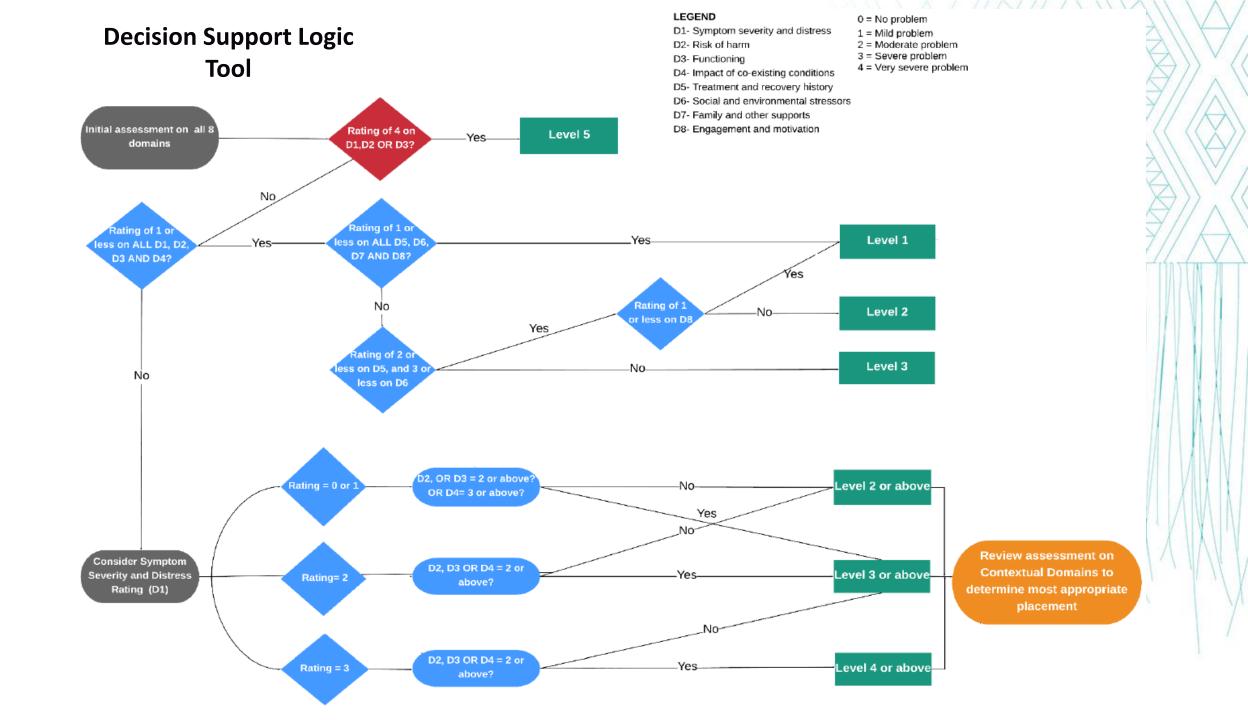
### **CONTEXTUAL DOMAINS\***

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- 6. Social, Cultural and Environmental Stressors
- 7. Family and Other Supports
- 8. Engagement and Motivation

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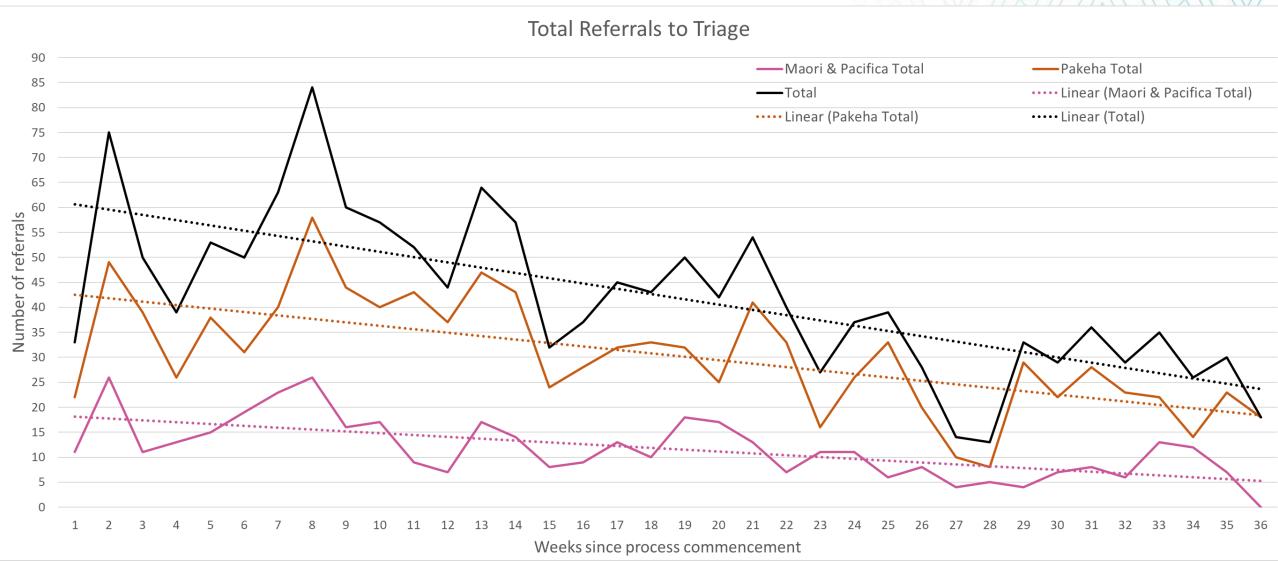
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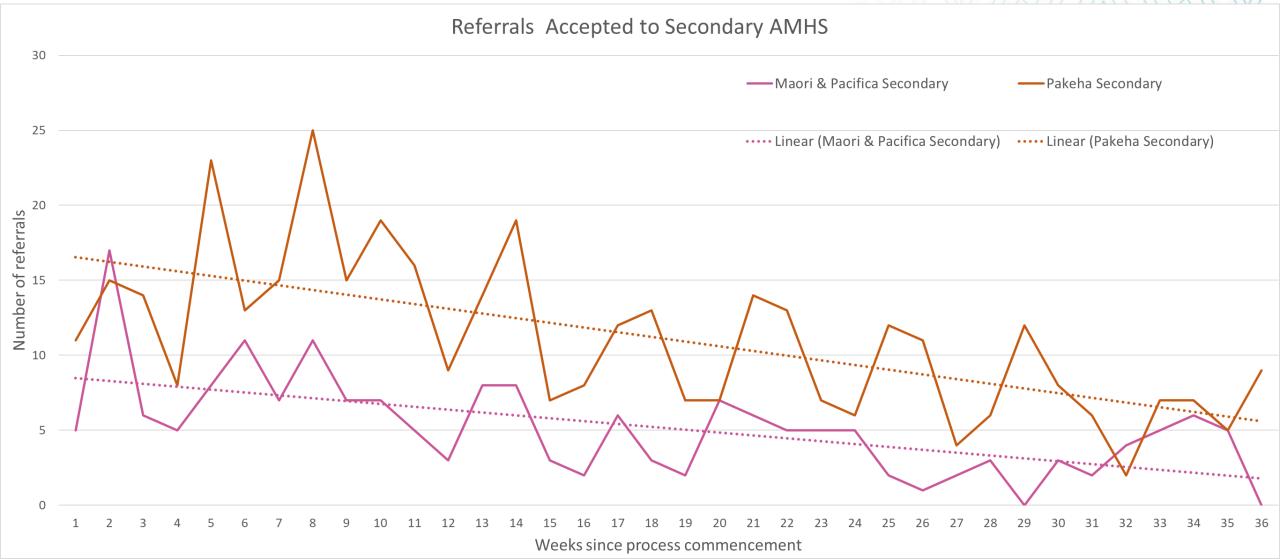
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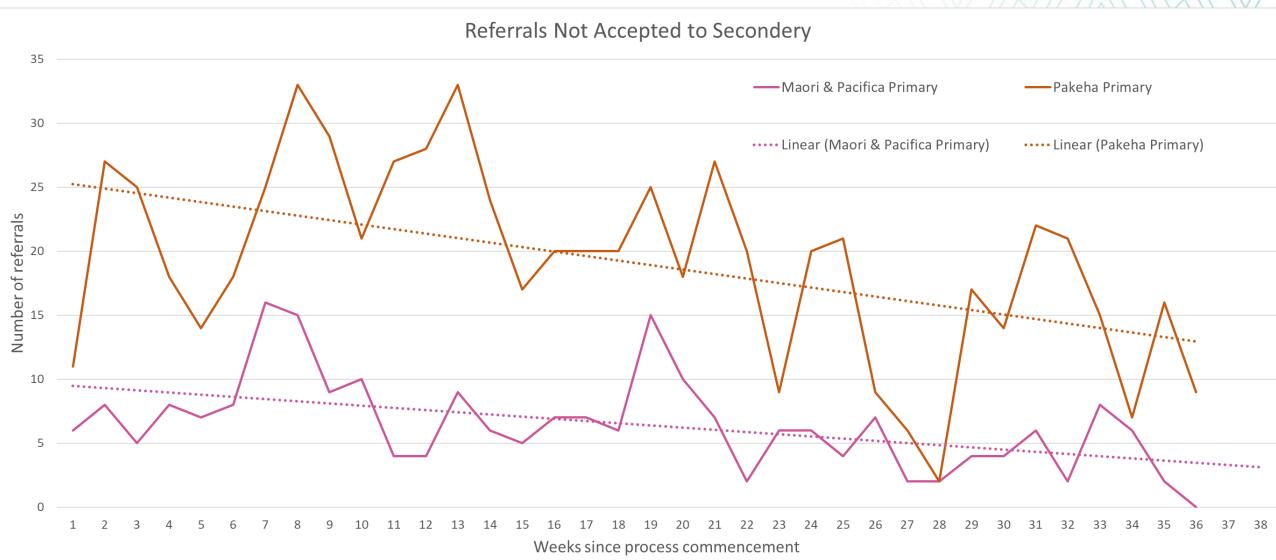
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# Accepted to Secondary



## Not accepted into Secondary



## PowerBI - Waitlist

Current Waitlist Count **Central North** 

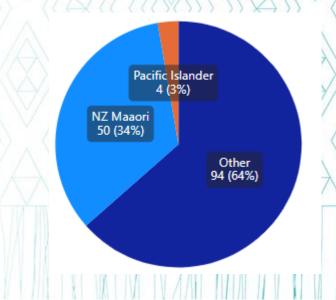
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**Central South** 

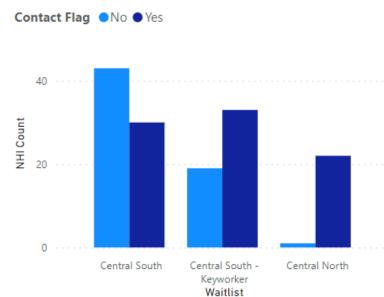
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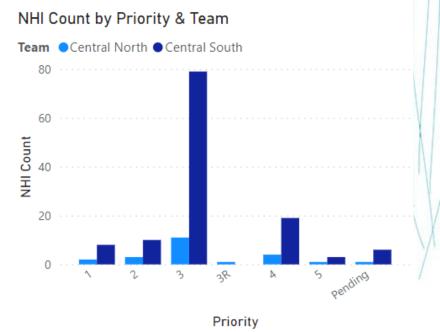
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NHI Count by Waitlist & Contact Flag



#### **Te Whatu Ora**

**Health New Zealand** 

Waikato

## **Central Adult Sectors' Current Waitlist**

Clear Selections

Current Waitlist Count	Central North		Central Sout	th Cent	ral South - I	NHI  Search  ZZZ0123	
148		23	73		52		☐ ZZZ1234 ☐ ZZZ2345 ☐ ZZZ3456
Team ☐ Central North ☐ Central South	Ethnicity  NZ Maaori Other Pacific Island	Waiting Time Less Than 3 Months 3 - 6 Months 6+ Months	☐ Contact [ ☐ No Contact	Any ED Presentation*  No  ED Presentation Type*	Waitlist Priority ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3	Supported Accom Other Supported Accommodation	☐ ZZZ4567 ☐ ZZZ5678
							*ED presentations in the last 30 days

NHI	Ethnicity	Team	Waitlist	Waiting Time	30 Day Contact	Date of Last Contact	30 Day Contact Count	Priority	MH ED Presentation*	Med ED Presentations*	Psychology Waitlist	Recent Discharge	SupportedAccom
ZZZ0123	Other	Central North	Central North	Less Than 3 Months	Contact	2/2/2024	2	1					Other
ZZZ1234	Other	Central North	Central North	Less Than 3 Months	Contact	1/18/2024	1	1				2/9/2024 2:59:00 PM	Other
ZZZ2345	NZ Maaori	Central South	Central South	Less Than 3 Months	Contact	2/1/2024	3	1	1				Other
ZZZ3456	NZ Maaori	Central South	Central South	Less Than 3 Months	Contact	1/18/2024	1	1				2/8/2024 2:00:00 PM	Other
ZZZ4567	NZ Maaori	Central South	Central South	Less Than 3 Months	Contact	2/8/2024	3	1	2			2/1/2024 12:00:00 PM	Other
ZZZ5678	NZ Maaori	Central South	Central South	Less Than 3 Months	No Contact		0	1					Other
ZZZ6789	Other	Central South	Central South	Less Than 3 Months	Contact	1/28/2024	1	1					Other
ZZZ7890	Other	Central South	Central South	6+ Months	Contact	1/25/2024	4	1		1			Other

## **Next Steps**

- Communication
- Multidisciplinary meetings daily meetings, MDT and complex case review
- Roles and responsibilities expectations
  - caseload capacity
- Monitoring using data to inform operational decision making
  - phase out wellbeing checks
  - demand exceed capacity threshold
  - caseload review
  - transition planning date of estimated discharge