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# Mental Health: Older People’s Acute Inpatient Unit

# (facility design guidance review)

# Te Whatu Ora is seeking nominations for a New Zealand consumer representative for the review of Mental Health: Older People’s Acute Inpatient Unit (Facility Design Guidance).

# Applications close on 29th May, 2025. The opportunity: The representative will participate in AHIA’s[[1]](#footnote-2) review of the [Mental Health – Older People’s Acute Inpatient Unit design guidance](https://healthfacilityguidelines.com.au/hpu/older-peoples-acute-mental-health-inpatient-unit), working with the [Australasian Health Facility Guidelines](https://healthfacilityguidelines.com.au/) (AusHFG) team and other consumers to review the existing design guidance.

The guidance helps project teams to plan, design and construct older people’s mental health facilities across Australia and New Zealand.  
  
**Who we're looking for:**  
Consumer representatives bring unique perspectives and experiences that help us to improve design guidance. The preferred representative will:

* have supported a family member, or been admitted to, an older person’s acute mental health facility (within the last three years),
* be able to provide advice from a consumer or whānau perspective and bring an understanding of the unique cultural and social context of NZ,
* make every effort to attend all meetings and review any supporting documents, &
* have digital access to meet via TEAMS.

**Remuneration:**  
Remuneration will be in line with the NSW Health Consumer Remuneration rates (currently $AUD40 per hour), for attending 2-3 1.5 hour meetings via TEAMS.  The meetings are likely to be held between September and November, 2025.  
  
If you are interested in applying to represent Aotearoa at these meetings, please complete the form overleaf and return it to [xanthe.torrens@tewhatuora.govt.nz](mailto:xanthe.torrens@tewhatuora.govt.nz), by 29th May, 2025.

### Your information

1.Your full name?

2.Your email address?

3.Your phone number?

4.Which region of New Zealand do you live in?

5.Which Older People’s Mental Health Intensive Care facility were you (or your whānau member) admitted to?

6. How long were they/you admitted to the Facility?

8.Have you lived in New Zealand for the last three years (or more)?

Yes/No

9.What interests you about this opportunity?

Whan complete, please return this form to: Facility Design [xanthe.torrens@tewhatuora.govt.nz](mailto:xanthe.torrens@tewhatuora.govt.nz).

**Health NZ.govt.nz**

Thank you for expressing your interest in hospital design in New Zealand.

1. Australasian Health Infrastructure Alliance. Health NZ is one of the nine public health agencies that collaborate to develop facility design guidance. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)