

# **Suicide Mortality Review Committee**

## **Terms of Reference Variation 2023.1**

- 1 This Terms of Reference Variation (Variation) is issued by the Health Quality and Safety Commission (The Commission) pursuant to section 82(1) of the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act 2022 (the Act). This Variation shall be read with, and form part of the Suicide Mortality Review Committee Terms of Reference dated May 2021 (Updated July 2022) (Terms of Reference).
- 2 This Variation shall take effect on 1 June 2023.
- 3 In the event of any conflict between this Variation and the Terms of Reference, the provisions of this Variation shall prevail.

### **Background**

- 4 The Suicide Mortality Review Committee (the Committee) is appointed pursuant to Section 82(1) of the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act 2022.
- 5 The Committee is, as of December 2022, limited in its capacity. Additionally, the mortality review function is in a period of transition which will result in the establishment of a National Mortality Review Committee which will incorporate the Committee's work from July 2023.
- 6 The legislative protections contained in Schedule 5 and Section 82 of the Act and applying to relevant information held by the Committee, will likewise apply to information held by the National Mortality Review Committee.

### **Specific functions to be performed by the Committee in transition**

- 7 The Committee will work with the HQSC to support the completion of two reports currently under development as part of the Committee's workplan.
- 8 The Committee will work with the HQSC to assist the HQSC to deliver on obligations to the Ministry of Health Suicide Prevention Office under the contract entered between the HQSC and the Ministry of Health Suicide Prevention Office in relation to the 2022/23 and 2023/24 financial years.
- 9 The Committee shall ensure that appropriate authorities are in place for access to information held by the Committee to the extent required consistent with the Act.
- 10 The Committee will work to support the HQSC and other stakeholders in the transition period leading up to and including establishment of the National Mortality Review Committee.

- 11 The Committee will ensure the effective and seamless handover and transition of the Committee's workstream/s to the National Mortality Review Committee.
- 12 The National Mortality Review Committee will incorporate the functions of the Committee. The Committee will transfer all information associated with the functions of the Committee to the National Mortality Review Committee.