

# JOINT STATEMENT

## Background

The impetus for this joint statement has come from the publications *On Track: Knowing where we are going* (2015) and *Closing the Loop* (2016), both of which call for a major change to the way mental health and addiction services are delivered in New Zealand.

The relationship between NGOs and primary health care is already changing. Both parties recognise the need for system transformation, and are supportive of the innovative models of community care that are already beginning to emerge in different localities in response to increased need, but we also know that we can do even better.

We are convinced that we can accelerate the process of change by working together in a way that enhances each other's skills and expertise, in accordance with our own values, for the benefit of the people that use our services.

## What we want to see in the future:

- Funding shifts to support people, where they are located, in their local communities.
- Independence and neutrality of funding arrangements.
- Constructive and integrated problem solving.
- Support for community alliances, collaboratives and collective action.
- Evidence-based and outcome informed planning, funding and delivery of services.
- Services that are focused on meeting people's needs at first point of contact.

## How we will work together:

- We have a common interest in delivering person-centred care and support.
- We will work together to ensure our services complement one another – and are relevant to the priorities of people who need to use these services.
- We will respect each other's autonomy.
- We will not speak for each other.
- We will review progress on a regular basis.

Together we would welcome opportunities to trial innovative, community-based models of service delivery, which aim to improve people's health and wellbeing and, at the same time, address the complexity of people's lives, including their social circumstances.

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