

## Approval of a Lead Clinician to Provide Opioid Substitution Treatment Under Section 24A of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975

Acting under delegated authority from the Minister of Health, I, Dr John Crawshaw:

1. Revoke the approval of the Hawke's Bay District Health Board Opioid Substitution Treatment Service and medical practitioner issued pursuant to section 24A(7)(a), (b) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975 made on 10 December 2020 (as published in the [New Zealand Gazette, 16 December 2020, Notice No. 2020-go5776](#)); and
2. Specify the Hawke's Bay Opioid Substitution Treatment Service as a service that may provide treatment with controlled drugs for people who are dependent on controlled drugs, pursuant to section 24A(7)(b) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975, at the following places:

**Hasting Community Mental Health and Addiction Services**

398 Omaha Road,  
Frimley,  
Hastings  
Hawke's Bay 4120; and

**Napier Health Centre**

76 Wellesley Road,  
Napier South  
Hawke's Bay 4110.

3. Pursuant to section 24A(7)(a) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975, specify that Dr Sohail Sheikh, as a medical practitioner, may:
  - a. prescribe, administer or supply controlled drugs for the treatment of dependence as the lead clinician for the Hawke's Bay Opioid Substitution Treatment Service;
  - b. authorise in writing service/clinic medical practitioners as specified under subsection 24A(2)(b) to:
    - i. prescribe, administer or supply controlled drugs for the treatment of dependence;
    - ii. authorise in writing general practitioners receiving clients from the Hawke's Bay Opioid Substitution Treatment Service as specified under section 24A(2)(b) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975; and
  - c. authorise in writing general practitioners receiving clients from the Hawke's Bay Opioid Substitution Treatment Service as specified under section 24A(2)(b) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975.

### Conditions

1. Controlled drugs may only be prescribed, administered or supplied to people who are or have been clients of Hawke's Bay Opioid Substitution Treatment Service.
2. This approval expires on **31 December 2022**.

Dated at Wellington this 16th day of December 2021.

DR JOHN CRAWSHAW, Director of Mental Health, Mental Health and Addictions.