

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 Te Whatu Ora Waitaha Canterbury's Christchurch Opioid Recovery Service (Christchurch Opioid Recovery Service) and medical practitioner issued pursuant to section 24A(7)(a), (b) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975 made on 19 December 2023 (as published in the [New Zealand Gazette, 20 December 2023, Notice No. 2023-go5950](#)); and
2. Specify Christchurch Opioid Recovery 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:

Christchurch Opioid Recovery Service

Hillmorton Hospital
Sylvan Street
Christchurch 8024; and

Christchurch Women's Hospital

2 Riccarton Avenue
Christchurch 8011; and

Christchurch Men's Prison

555 West Coast Road
Templeton 8140; and

Christchurch Women's Prison

Newtons Road
Christchurch 8140; and

Rolleston Prison

Runners Road
Burnham
Christchurch 7643; and

He Kete Oranga o te Mana Wahine

Fiddlers Road
Motukarara 7672; and

Ashburton Clinic

Hostel Building, Ashburton Hospital
Elizabeth Street
Ashburton 7700

East Clinic

185 Linwood Avenue
Linwood
Christchurch

Rangiora Health Hub

161 Ashley Street
Waimakariri
Rangiora
Christchurch

3. Pursuant to section 24A(7)(a) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975, specify that Dr Paul Hercock, as a medical practitioner, may:
 - a. prescribe, administer, or supply controlled drugs for the treatment of dependence as the lead clinician for Christchurch Opioid Recovery 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 Christchurch Opioid Recovery 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 Christchurch Opioid Recovery Service as

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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 Christchurch Opioid Recovery Service.
2. This approval will be effective from 27 May 2024 and expires on 19 August 2024.

Dated at Wellington this 15th day of May 2024.

Dr JOHN CRAWSHAW, Director of Mental Health, Ministry of Health.

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