

## **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 Auckland Opioid Treatment 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-go5949](#)); and
2. Specify the Auckland Opioid 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:

### **Community Alcohol and Drug Service**

Pitman House  
50 Carrington Road  
Point Chevalier  
Auckland 1025; and

### **Red Cross Oneroa**

132 Ocean View Road  
Oneroa  
Waiheke Island  
Auckland 1081; and

### **Piritahi Hou Ora Trust**

53 Tahatai Road  
Oneroa  
Waiheke Island  
Auckland 1081; and

### **Community Alcohol and Drug Service West Team**

1 Trading Place  
Henderson  
Waitakere  
Auckland 0612; and

### **Helensville WDH B Mental Health Community Services**

65 Commercial Road  
Helensville 0800; and

### **Community Alcohol and Drug Service North Team**

44 Taharoto Road  
Takapuna  
North Shore City  
Auckland 0622; and

### **Wellsford Medical Centre**

Coast to Coast Health Care  
220 Rodney Street  
Wellsford 0900; and

### **Warkworth Mental Health Community Services**

7 Alnwick Street  
Warkworth 0910; and

### **Adult Mental Health Services**

136 Whangaparaoa Road  
Red Beach 0932; and

### **Community Alcohol and Drug Service South Team**

7 Ronwood Avenue  
Manukau City Centre  
Auckland 2104; and

### **Franklin Memorial Hospital**

72 Kitchener Road  
Waiuku 2123; and

### **Botany Super Clinic**

260 Botany Road  
Howick  
Auckland 2013; and

**CADS Medically Managed Withdrawal Services**

HomeGround  
140 Hobson Street  
Auckland Central 1010.

3. Pursuant to section 24A(7)(a) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975, specify that Dr Emma Schwarcz, as a medical practitioner, may:
1. prescribe, administer or supply controlled drugs for the treatment of dependence as the lead clinician for the Auckland Opioid Treatment Service;
  2. authorise, in writing, service/clinic medical practitioners as specified under subsection 24A(2)(b) to:
    1. prescribe, administer or supply controlled drugs for the treatment of dependence;
    2. authorise, in writing, general practitioners receiving clients from the Lakes Opioid Treatment Service as specified under section 24A(2)(b) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975; and
  3. authorise in writing general practitioners receiving clients from the Auckland Opioid 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 Auckland Opioid Treatment Service.
2. This approval commences on 14 March 2025 and expires on 31 December 2025.

Dated at Wellington this 7th day of March 2025.

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