



Tāku Reo, Tāku Mauri Ora
My Voice, My Life

Developing a Self-Assessed Consumer
Outcome Measure for Aotearoa/New Zealand

Information up-date 2
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Case Consulting is pleased to be the host institution for the three year project to develop a psychometrically sound self-assessed standard measure of outcome for routine use by consumers/tāngata whai ora of mental health services in New Zealand. Once developed, it is intended that the measure will be implemented through the national mental health outcomes initiative (MH-SMART).

Please note that this is the second up-date on the progress of the project. The first, which was prepared and distributed in January, contained information about the background to, overall aim and objectives of, and phases of the project. If you wish to receive that first up-date now please respond to this e-mail with a request for it.

Progress report:

On 12th May the study received ethical approval by the Multi-region ethics committee.

The first phase of the project, which involved the identification and organisation of processes and personnel associated with the work, development of the preliminary measure, and gaining ethical approval for the project, has now been completed.

We are now moving into the second phase of the project which will involve piloting of the preliminary measure and refinement of the preliminary measure based on the results of the pilot. Invitations and opportunities to be involved in the piloting of the preliminary measure will be distributed at the beginning of August. Please note: if you receive this information up-date directly, you will receive information about how to be involved in the piloting of the preliminary measure directly. Prior to the beginning of August we will be trialling the piloting process with a few local consumer/tāngata whai ora groups.

We have also secured booths, where information about the project will be available, at the Building Bridges and Valuing Madness conferences.

Please feel free to distribute this information to anyone you think may be interested in this project. We are planning to prepare and distribute a progress report every three months. If you would like receive a copy of this document directly please send your contact details through to Sarah O'Connor, admin.caseconsulting@paradise.net.nz.