

**Approval of MidCentral District Health Board Alcohol and Other Drug Service and Medical Practitioner to Provide Substitution Treatment Under Section 24 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975**

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

1. revoke the approval of the MidCentral District Health Board Alcohol and Other Drug Service and medical practitioner issued pursuant to section 24(7)(a), (b) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975 on 11 December 2014 (as published in the [New Zealand Gazette, 18 December 2014, Issue No. 153, Notice No. 2014-go7693](#)); and
2. specify the MidCentral District Health Board Alcohol and Other Drug Service as a service that may provide treatment with controlled drugs for people who are dependent on controlled drugs, pursuant to section 24(7)(b) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975, at the following places:

**Nikau House**

Community Health Village  
Palmerston North Hospital  
Ruahine Street  
Palmerston North 4410

**Horowhenua Health Centre**

Liverpool Street  
Levin 5510; and

3. pursuant to section 24(7)(a) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975, specify Dr Patrick Myles O'Connor, as a medical practitioner, who may:
  - c. prescribe, administer and supply controlled drugs for the treatment of dependence, as the lead clinician for MidCentral District Health Board Alcohol and Other Drug Service;
  - d. authorise in writing service/clinic medical practitioners as specified under section 24(2)(b) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975 to:
    - i. prescribe, administer or supply controlled drugs for the treatment of dependence;
    - ii. authorise in writing general practitioners receiving clients from MidCentral District Health Board Alcohol and Other Drug Service as specified under section 24(2)(d) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975; and
  - e. authorise in writing general practitioners receiving clients from MidCentral District Health Board Alcohol and Other Drug Service as specified under section 24(2)(d) 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 MidCentral District Health Board Alcohol and Other Drug Service.
2. This approval expires on **31 December 2020**.

Dated at Wellington this 14th day of December 2017.

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