

**ALL OF THE CONDITIONS MUST BE MET FOR NEW AND CONTINUED ACCESS TO SUPPORT SERVICES VIA MIRAMARE**

<b>THERE ARE REDUCTIONS IN INDEPENDENT FUNCTION REQUIRING SUPPORT</b>	
<p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> There are reductions in independent function, which are expected to go on for six months or longer.</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> Information is provided about the actual living situation of the client and the relevant 'activity limitations', 'participation restriction' (ICF model) and reduction of independent function that result from psychiatric illness.</p>	<p>NASC and support services are for long term support needs not short term clinical, treatment, or crisis needs. 'Facilitated support needs assessment is for people aged 6 years to 65 years (sometimes older) whose primary needs are the result of psychiatric disabilities including those resulting from the misuse of drugs and alcohol, that are likely to continue for a minimum of six months and result in a reduction of independent function to the extent that ongoing support is required.'</p> <p>We need to understand what these are for each client. Activity limitation and participation could be '...depression with difficulties in performing the parenting role...' or '..schizophrenia with difficulty in managing daily living tasks..' or 'anxiety disorder with difficulty in achieving social contacts or participation in employment. One way to describe this is to use the Global Assessment of Functioning scale (GAF) (or Child Global assessment) Otago District Health Board suggest a score of below 60 for eligibility.</p>
<b>THERE IS A SPECIALIST DIAGNOSIS OF PSYCHIATRIC ILLNESS OR ALCOHOL &amp; DRUG RELATED ILLNESS</b>	
<p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> The diagnosis is made by a Clinical specialist or within a specialist service.</p> <p>4 <input type="checkbox"/> The diagnosis is still current.</p> <p>5 <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate treatment is in place</p>	<p>We will accept diagnosis from some A&amp; D specialists. Some other diagnoses must be excluded or defined as to relevance. eg intellectual disability. Some (eg Autism) (eg Intellectual Disability) (eg dementia) by government policy are dealt with by non-mental health agencies.</p> <p>This is a judgement call to some extent and depends on the diagnosis. However an up to date diagnosis is required for new clients those or who have not been registered Miramare clients for six months or longer.</p> <p>We would not expect that support services are required if little treatment is identified. eg A diagnosis of ADHD, where medication only is prescribed, without family or behavioural interventions.</p>
<b>THERE IS AN IDENTIFIED CLINICAL KEY PERSON AND GUARANTEE OF ONGOING CLINICAL INPUT</b>	
<p>6 <input type="checkbox"/> There is an identified clinical key worker (specialist, CMHT member, GP or allied health professional in a MH agency)</p> <p>7 <input type="checkbox"/> The input is guaranteed to be ongoing.</p> <p>8 <input type="checkbox"/> The key worker agrees to provide or arrange all clinical needs and clinical case management needs and crisis responses.</p>	<p>Miramare establishes and monitors support services and is not able to be a social work or clinical service.</p> <p>Miramare cannot manage ongoing clinical needs. eg Risk eg abuse issues eg treatment eg crisis If the situation is of a level requiring support services then clinical supervision must be provided and when necessary access to specialist input must be available within an appropriate time.</p>