



The Consultant Psychiatrist plays an essential role in the functioning of the MDT. They act as the senior consultant, ensuring the quality of treatment planning, through the provision of clinical leadership and oversight.

Core Responsibilities of the Consultant Psychiatrist

- The Psychiatrist is the senior clinician in the multi-disciplinary team in mental health settings, providing oversight of treatment planning and delivery.
- To provide psychiatric specialist input into the multidisciplinary teams clinic assessment and management planning,
- The Psychiatrist is responsible for all decisions related to client admission and discharge; including statutory role requirements under the MH(CAT) Act (1992).
- Perform the responsibilities of a Responsible Clinician as laid out in the MH(CAT) Act 1992.
- The Psychiatrist is responsible for the diagnosis and pharmacological treatment of clients and for the provision of clinical advice and guidance in the development of the treatment plan.
- The Psychiatrist acts to support other physicians/practitioners through consultation on prescribing issues.
- Works collaboratively with community agencies and GPs, to ensuring the continuity of care for clients, both on entry and on discharge from the MH service.
- Works in partnership with the client and their families, in planning treatment and discharge.
- Responds to TACT team request to provide a face-to-face consultation and/or assessment of clients of concern
- Prioritises MH(CAT) Act assessment processes over routine clinical work.