



Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity: Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists) Notice 2004

Pursuant to section 54 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, the Minister of Health gives the following notice.

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Notice

- 1 Title**

This notice is the Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity: Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists) Notice 2004.
 - 2 Commencement**

This notice comes into force on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*.
 - 3 Declaration of protected quality assurance activity**

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists' Peer Review Group Activity described in the Schedule is a protected quality assurance activity.
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Schedule
**Description of The Royal Australian and New
Zealand College of Psychiatrists' Peer
Review Group Activity**

1 Objective

The objective of the activity is to improve the practices and competence of health professionals engaged in the activity by assessing the health services performed by those health practitioners.

2 Method

- (1) The activity is based on information derived from health practitioners who participate in the activity and who are—
 - (a) fellows of The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists; or
 - (b) registered with, or members of a group registered with, The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists.
- (2) The activity involves—
 - (a) the review, analysis, and monitoring, through peer review, of clinical work; and
 - (b) the identification and analysis of adverse outcomes; and
 - (c) the making of recommendations on how the health practitioners who are engaging in the activity can improve their performance so as to—
 - (i) improve the quality of care they provide; and
 - (ii) reduce the incidence of adverse outcomes; and
 - (d) the facilitation and monitoring of the implementation of any such recommendations.

Dated at Wellington this 16th day of August 2004.

Hon Annette King,
Minister of Health.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the notice, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This notice, which comes into force on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*, declares the quality assurance activity called The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists' Peer Review Group Activity to be a protected quality assurance activity. The effect of this declaration is that, subject to certain exceptions,—

- any information that becomes known solely as a result of the activity is confidential; and
- any documents brought into existence solely for the purposes of the activity are confidential; and
- the persons who engage in the activity in good faith are immune from civil liability.

Under section 54(4) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, this notice remains in force for a period of 5 years after the date on which it is issued, unless it is sooner revoked.

An earlier notice (SR 1998/212) declared The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists' Quality Assurance Activity to be a quality assurance activity under the provisions of the Medical Practitioners Act 1995, which have now been repealed by the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003. That notice has expired.

Issued under the authority of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989.

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This notice is administered in the Ministry of Health.
