

Use of Safety Garments in the Inpatient Acute Adult and Forensic Mental Health and Addictions Service

Guideline Responsibilities and Authorisation

Department Responsible for Guideline	Mental Health and Addictions service
Document Facilitator Name	Kylie Balzer
Document Facilitator Title	Operations Manager
Document Owner Name	Rees Tapsell
Document Owner Title	Clinical Services Director
Target Audience	Mental Health and Addictions Acute Adult and Forensic Mental Health clinical staff
Disclaimer: This document has been developed for use specifically by staff at the former Waikato District Health Board. Caution should be exercised before use outside this district. Any reliance on the information contained herein by any third party is at their own risk and Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand assumes no responsibility whatsoever for any issues arising as a result of such reliance.	

Guideline Review History

Version	Updated by	Date Updated	Summary of Changes
02	Kylie Balzer	18 May 2020	Updated into current DHB guideline template Flow chart incorporated Inclusion of safety garment checklist on CWS
03	Kylie Balzer	June 2023	Updated to current Te Whatu Ora Waikato Guideline template Updates to purpose, exceptions / contraindications, flow chart, and after care.

Use of Safety Garments in the Inpatient Acute Adult and Forensic Mental Health and Addictions Service

Contents

1	Overview	3
1.1	Purpose.....	3
1.2	Staff group	3
1.3	Patient / client group	3
1.4	Exceptions / contraindications	3
1.5	Definitions and acronyms	3
2	Clinical management	3
2.1	Roles and responsibilities	3
2.2	Competency required	3
2.3	Equipment.....	4
2.4	Guideline.....	4
2.5	After care	6
3	Patient information	6
4	Audit.....	6
4.1	Indicators	6
4.2	Tools	6
5	Evidence base	6
5.1	Associated Te Whatu Ora Waikato Documents	6
5.2	External Standards	7

Use of Safety Garments in the Inpatient Acute Adult and Forensic Mental Health and Addictions Service

2.3 Equipment

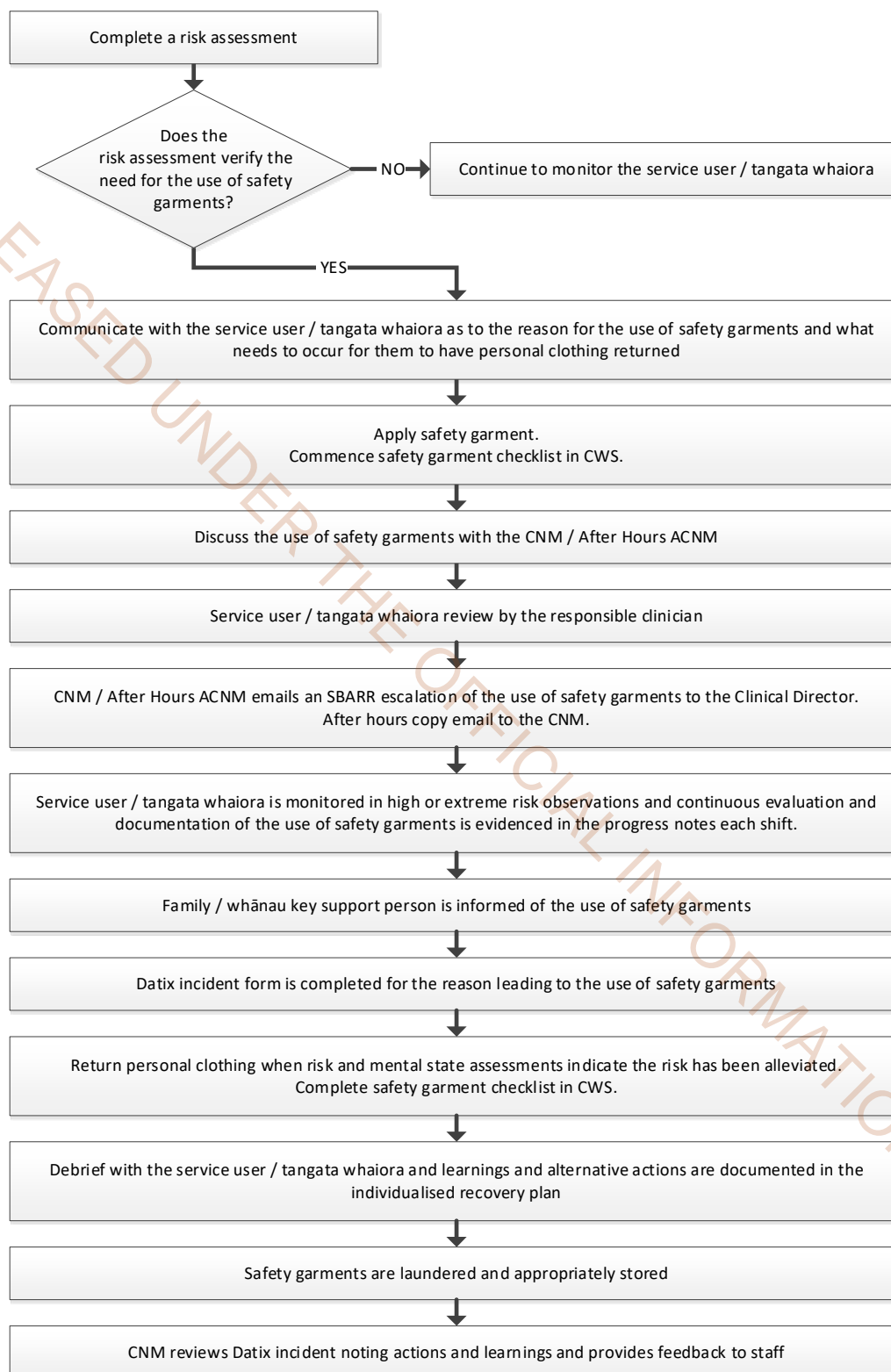
- Safety gown or safety shorts and tunic that meet the health and safety clothing compliance standards as approved for use within the service
- DATIX incident system
- Safety garment checklist in the clinical workstation
- SOAP progress note in clinical workstation
- Risk assessment and pattern analysis in clinical workstation

2.4 Guideline

Please follow the flow chart on page 5 of this guideline

Use of Safety Garments in the Inpatient Acute Adult and Forensic Mental Health and Addictions Service

Use of Safety Garments in the Inpatient Mental Health & Addictions Service



Use of Safety Garments in the Inpatient Acute Adult and Forensic Mental Health and Addictions Service

2.5 After care

Ensure that the following documentation provides information as to the use of a safety garment:

- Assessment and rationale for use is clearly outlined in the progress note, including all escalation / communication processes – CNM or after hours ACNM, responsible clinician (R.C.), Clinical Director and whānau.
- Monitoring of use
- DATIX incident form was completed for the reason leading to the use of the safety garment. Include the incident number in the progress note and on the safety garment checklist.
- Risk assessment and pattern analysis – the garments use is evident in the 'consequence of event' or 'protective factors' section
- Individuals recovery plan
- Safety garment checklist has been completed

Ensure documentation includes comments from the tāngata whaiora response to the use of a safety garment.

3 Patient information

The tāngata whaiora must be informed of the safety concerns as to why a safety garment is being used and continuously provided with updates to ensure that they are able to have their clothing returned at the earliest opportunity.

4 Audit

4.1 Indicators

- Safety garments are used in accordance with this guideline.

4.2 Tools

- DATIX incident report
- Safety garment checklist in clinical workstation (CWS)

5 Evidence base

5.1 Associated Te Whatu Ora Waikato Documents

- Mental Health and Addictions [Levels of Observation Across All Mental Health and Addictions Inpatient Services](#) procedure (5238)
- Mental Health and Addictions [Working with Risk: Assessment and intervention for tāngata whaiora engaged with Mental Health and Addictions services who present at risk of harm to self or others](#) procedure (5241)

Doc ID:	5788	Version:	03	Issue Date:	18 DEC 2023	Review Date:	18 DEC 2026
Facilitator Title:		Operations Manager			Department:	Mental Health and Addictions	
IF THIS DOCUMENT IS PRINTED, IT IS VALID ONLY FOR THE DAY OF PRINTING							Page 6 of 7

Use of Safety Garments in the Inpatient Acute Adult and Forensic Mental Health and Addictions Service

- [Incident Management](#) policy (0104)
- [Clinical Records Management](#) policy (0182)
- [SBARR Communication Tool](#) guideline (5038)

5.2 External Standards

- Health and Disability Services Standards NZS8134:2021

5.2 External Standards

- Health and Disability Services Standards NZS8134:2021

Doc ID:	5788	Version:	03	Issue Date:	18 DEC 2023	Review Date:	18 DEC 2026
Facilitator Title:	Operations Manager			Department:	Mental Health and Addictions		
IF THIS DOCUMENT IS PRINTED, IT IS VALID ONLY FOR THE DAY OF PRINTING							Page 7 of 7