

SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY-REFERRED ADULTS

Safe Network provides a range of services for adult clients referred from the community. These clients include all those who self-refer, or are referred by someone else in the community, such as family, whanau, community professionals and lawyers.

Community-referred adults does not include anyone referred to Safe Network under court order and who are provided services under our contracts with the Department of Corrections or the Disability Support Services department of the Ministry of Social Development. It does, however, include all adult clients who, while not under court order to attend Safe Network, are involved in a judicial process, including those with charges laid or pending, and those with upcoming court appearances.

This information sheet summarises the services Safe Network offers to community-referred adults and how these vary depending on whether the adult is involved in judicial processes, which stage of that process they are in, and any court timeframes. Referrals are grouped as follows. Please refer to the information relevant to your referral:

1. **No enforcement agency or court involvement**
2. **Enforcement agency involvement but charges not yet laid**
3. **Charges laid but not yet gone to trial**
4. **Convicted but not yet sentenced**

Safe Network is not an emergency service and referrals may be waitlisted if no funded places on our programme are available. While we can provide an indication of how long you may be waitlisted, this can only ever be an estimate and should not be relied upon in any representations to the court.

CLINICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Clinical considerations always take precedence in determining whether it is appropriate for someone to be accepted into Safe Network's assessment or intervention services.

We will not recommend someone for our services where it is not clinically appropriate for them, irrespective of their legal situation or any Court recommendations. Also, acceptance for assessment is not a guarantee that someone will be suitable for and recommended for intervention.

For those involved in legal processes, it is critical that we have confidence that they are both willing and able to fully engage in therapy and complete an intervention programme with us. Where the client's motivation for engaging with us is largely or exclusively to avoid a custodial sentence then they are unlikely to benefit from our services.

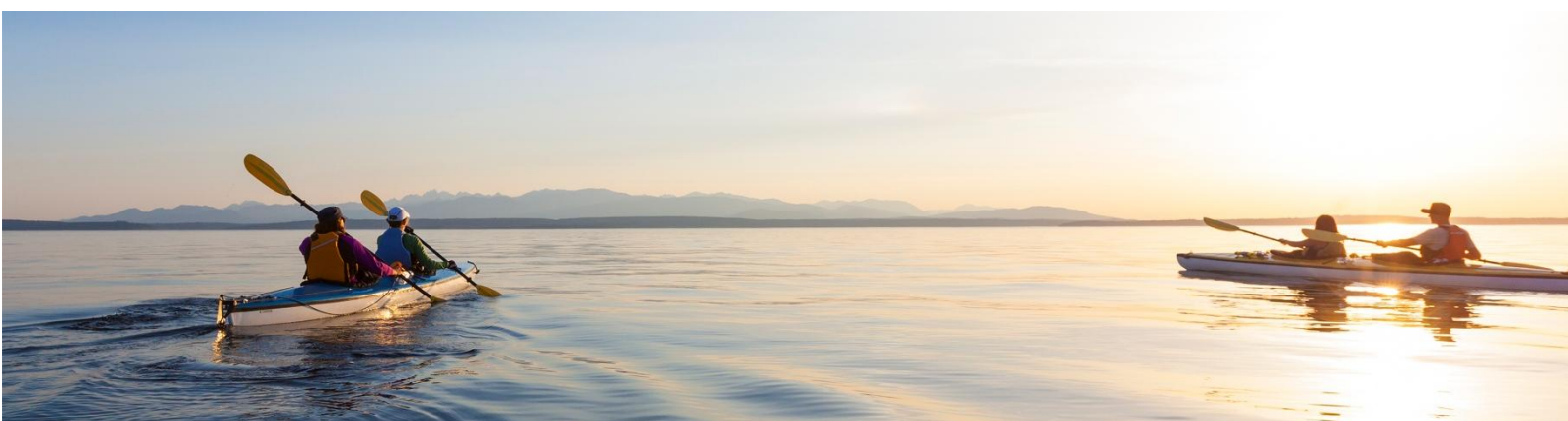
OVERVIEW OF SAFE NETWORK'S ADULT SERVICE

Safe Network's services are tailored to meet each client's individual clinical needs. This begins with a clinical assessment followed by a tailored intervention programme.

Safe Network's standard timeframes are:

- Assessments: 10 weeks from the first appointment with the client
- Interventions: 6 to 12 months depending on the client's risks and needs.

Duration of intervention will vary from client to client, but all interventions usually involve weekly group or individual therapy sessions. A plan setting out the proposed intensity and length of intervention will be provided at the end of the assessment. As a guideline, a full 12-month intervention typically involves about 44 sessions.



SAFE NETWORK AND THE COURTS

It is important for clients in court processes and their legal representatives to be aware of the following regarding Safe Network and its relationship with the courts:

- Safe Network has no formal relationship with the courts. While we are available to provide services to clients who are in court processes, the Court is not able to direct Safe Network to provide services to any individual. The acceptance of referrals is entirely at the discretion of Safe Network.
- The Courts provide no funding for clients to attend Safe Network. Clients referred by the Courts may be able to access an MSD-funded place for non-mandated adults but there is usually a waitlist for these places. Alternatively, clients can pay for their own services, which may be funded via Legal Aid in some cases. Availability of our clinical staff may still impact when clients are able to commence with us.
- Safe Network is not a crisis-support or emergency service. Given the high demand for our services, we often need to waitlist referrals. As such, we cannot always provide firm indications of when we may be able to start working with a client. Lawyers should avoid providing any assurances to the Court about when clients can be seen by us. We are not bound to meet or fit in with Court dates.
- Client assessments are undertaken to determine suitability for our services and how intervention is to be tailored to clients' individual therapeutic needs. Our assessments are not intended to advise the Court on matters of risk management or sentencing.

1. No enforcement agency* or court involvement

Process

Referrals are triaged when received, and if considered suitable for Safe Network's services, allocated to one of our clinicians for an assessment that will make recommendations about intervention.

Programme

Clients will engage with Safe Network's Waka Waiora/Journey to Wellbeing programme, which is typically 12 months.

- Eligible for funding by Ministry of Social Development
- Waka Waiora/Journey to Wellbeing programme

Funding

These clients are eligible to have their assessment and intervention fully funded by the Ministry of Social Development for non-mandated adults. Because the number of places funded by the Ministry of Social Development is limited, clients may be placed on a waitlist until a place becomes available. Clients who do not wish to be waitlisted may choose to pay for services themselves and will be seen earlier, subject to clinician availability. Pricing information is available from Safe Network or on our website.

2. Enforcement agency* involvement but charges not yet laid

Process

Referrals are triaged when received, and if considered suitable for Safe Network's services, allocated to one of our clinicians for an assessment that will make recommendations about intervention.

Clients with charges pending must inform Safe Network as soon as charges are laid, so that any impact on timeframes for services can be evaluated.

Programme

Clients will engage with Safe Network's Waka Waiora/Journey to Wellbeing programme, which is typically 12 months. This may need to be shortened or halted in the event that charges are laid and court dates set prior to completion.

- Eligible for funding by Ministry of Social Development
- Waka Waiora/Journey to Wellbeing programme
- Completion may be impacted if charges are laid.

Funding

These clients are eligible to have their assessment and intervention fully funded by the Ministry of Social Development for non-mandated adults.

Because the number of places funded by the Ministry of Social Development is limited, clients may be placed on a waitlist until a place becomes available. This may limit the scope for Safe Network to undertake an assessment and provide an intervention in the event that charges are laid and court dates are set.

Clients who do not wish to be waitlisted may choose to pay for services themselves and will be seen earlier, subject to clinician availability. Pricing information is available from Safe Network or on our website.

* e.g. Police, DIA, Customs

3. Charges laid but not yet gone to trial

Eligibility

Safe Network will only consider referrals for adults where charges have been laid if they are intending to plead guilty to the charges in Court, and there is sufficient time to complete an assessment prior to their court date.

For practical reasons, all referrals with court dates set within four months will be declined due to insufficient time. Those with court dates not yet set or set more than four months out will be reviewed against current wait times and a decision made as to whether they are likely to be seen and complete an assessment before the hearing. If there is insufficient time, the referral will be declined.

Process

Referrals are triaged when received, and if considered suitable for Safe Network's services, allocated to a clinician for an assessment that will make recommendations about intervention.

Clients with charges laid who subsequently decide to contest the charges in court must inform Safe Network immediately, so that any impact on the suitability of continued services can be evaluated.

Programme

Clients will engage with Safe Network's Waka Waioira/Journey to Wellbeing programme, which is typically twelve months. This may need to be shortened or halted in the event that court dates occur prior to completion.

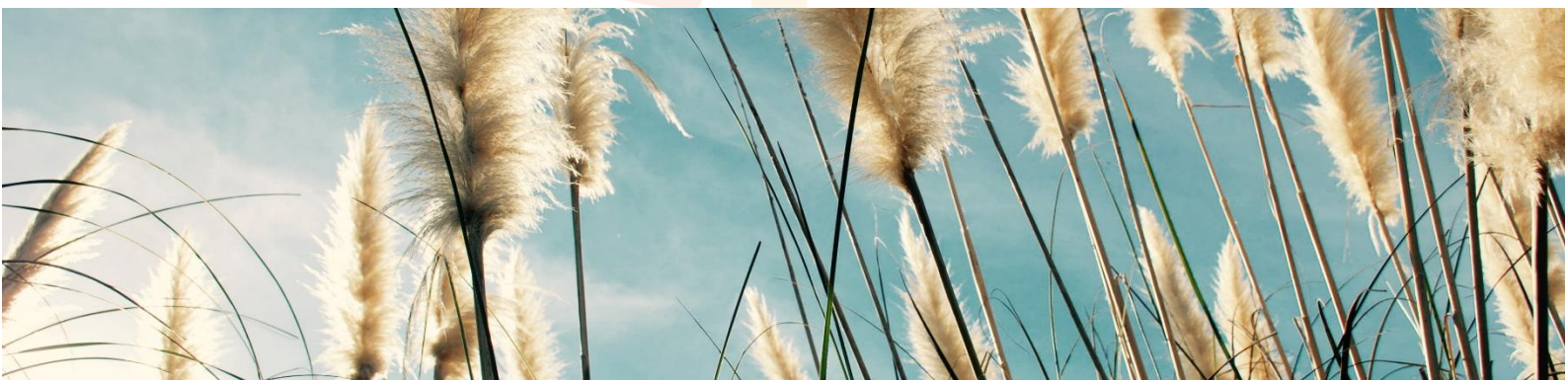
Funding

These clients are eligible to have their assessment and intervention fully funded by the Ministry of Social Development for non-mandated adults.

As the number of places funded by the Ministry of Social Development is limited, clients may be placed on a waitlist until a place becomes available. This may limit the scope for Safe Network to undertake an assessment and provide an intervention in the event that charges are laid and court dates set, and may result in the referral being declined.

Clients who do not wish to be waitlisted may choose to pay for services themselves and will be seen earlier, subject to clinician availability. Pricing information is available from Safe Network or on our website.

- Clients must be intending to plead guilty.
- Requires sufficient time before trial date to complete an assessment. Minimum of four months.
- Eligible for funding by Ministry of Social Development but may be waitlisted until a funded place is available.
- Have option to pay fee-for-service if not wanting to be waitlisted.
- Waka Waioira Journey to Wellbeing programme
- Completion may be impacted by court date.



4. Convicted but not yet sentenced

Eligibility

Safe Network will only accept referrals for adults who have been convicted and are awaiting sentencing on a fee-for-service basis, and there is sufficient time to complete an assessment prior to their sentencing date.

For practical reasons, all referrals with sentencing dates set within four months will be declined due to insufficient time. Those with sentencing dates not yet set or set for a date more than four months out will be reviewed against current wait times and a decision made about whether they are likely to be seen and complete an assessment before their hearing. If it is considered unlikely that there will be sufficient time to complete an assessment before the sentencing date, the referral will be declined.

Process

Referrals are triaged when received, and if considered suitable for Safe Network's services, allocated to one of our clinicians for an assessment that will make recommendations about intervention.

Programme

Clients will engage with Safe Network's SafeHold programme, which is typically three months but may, in some circumstances, be extended to provide support to clients through to their sentencing date. This may need to be shortened or halted in the event that court dates occur prior to completion.

Funding

These clients are required to pay for their assessment on a fee-for-service basis. They are eligible to have their intervention fully funded by the Ministry of Social Development for non-mandated adults. Because the number of places funded by the Ministry of Social Development is limited, clients may be placed on a waitlist until an intervention place becomes available. Clients who do not wish to be waitlisted for intervention may choose to pay for services themselves and will be seen earlier, subject to clinician availability. Pricing information is available from Safe Network or on our website.

- Clients must pay for their assessment.
- Requires sufficient time before sentencing date to complete an assessment. Minimum of four months.
- Eligible for funding of intervention by Ministry of Social Development but may be waitlisted until a funded place is available.
- Have option to pay fee-for-service for intervention if not wanting to be waitlisted.
- SafeHold programme
- Completion may be impacted by court date for sentencing.



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