

Victorian Primary Health Networks

AOD Service Provider Update

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National Drug and Alcohol Program Efforts

Objectives:

- Support drug and alcohol treatment services across Australia to reduce the impact of substance misuse on individuals, families, carers and communities;
- Support prevention and early intervention activities and promote evidence-based information about drug and alcohol through education;
- Support the development of drug and alcohol data to support evidence-based treatment national policy and service delivery; and
- Support service linkages between drug and alcohol treatment services and mental health services, as well as with social, educational and vocational long-term support services.

Continued areas of focus:

- Address increased demand for access to AOD treatment through needs based and targeted planning
- Support region specific, cross-sectoral and integrated approaches
- Ensure targeted and culturally appropriate AOD treatment services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Build AOD, health and allied services workforce capacity to respond to needs

National investment approach

National ICE Action Strategy (NIAS)

- 4 year commitment through PHNs announced in 2016
- Final year of current approach 2019-20
- Government and Department of Health working through details of future opportunities

Transitioned (Now Core)

- Range of NGOTGP and SMSDGF programs transitioned to PHNs for 2 years (July 2017-June 2019)
- Funding now occurring for a further 3 year commitment
- Commonwealth requirement to maintain existing programs until June 2020
- PHNs to undertake localised approach moving forward

North Western Melbourne PHN experience

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- Planning for recommissioning from July 2020
 - Priorities across North West Melbourne:
 - Working in partnership across sector
 - Linkages with General Practice and primary care
 - Responding to needs of Priority Populations (Aboriginal; CALD, comorbid AOD & mental health; LGBTIQ+; young people; families; homelessness)
 - Measuring outcomes (linked to the PHN Program Performance and Quality Framework)

Commissioning for performance and quality



**PHN Program
Performance
and Quality
Framework**

Strategic approaches to collaborative efforts in Victoria



Prevention and early intervention

Demand management and flow

Co-commissioning for better results

Primary care capability and support (e.g. General Practice secondary consultation models)

AOD service provider integration with primary care through strengthened referral

Alignment of PHN-DHHS process, data flows, and systems to support shared outcome measures

Collective governance and sponsorship

Strategic statewide workplan

Senior Lead – AOD Integration

Scoped proof of concepts with a view to scaling