

Alcohol and other Drugs Activity Work Plan 2021 - 2023

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Strategic Vision



Country SA PHN's Strategic Vision for Drug and Alcohol treatment will align to the National Drug Strategy (NDS) 2017-2026.

The National Drug Strategy aims to build safe, healthy and resilient Australian communities through preventing and minimising alcohol, tobacco and other drug-related health, social, cultural and economic harms among individuals, families and communities.

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Overview

Updated in April 2021, the Drug and Alcohol Treatment Activity Work Plan covers the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2023.

Core Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

Commission new service providers through Request for Tender process for two years under new flexible Alcohol and Other Drugs Core funding arrangements.

This Activity will contribute to the following key objectives:

- Provide funding support to drug and alcohol treatment services to deliver evidence-based and best practice treatment modalities for drug and alcohol misuse;
- Provide service continuity to the drug and alcohol treatment sector by ensuring funding certainty to existing Commonwealth funded direct treatment activities;
- Maintain service coverage to geographical areas serviced by existing drug and alcohol treatment services funded under the Drug and Alcohol Program;
- Continue to build linkages across the broader drug and alcohol treatment sector, including with alcohol and other drugs peak bodies and primary health care providers; and
- Support the drug and alcohol treatment sector through workforce and capacity building activities, in collaboration with alcohol and other drugs peak bodies.

National Ice Action Strategy (NIAS) Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

Commission treatment services to ensure continuity of access to services and to address identified service gaps for mainstream populations and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across the CSAPHN region.

Activity will continue to meet the following key objectives:

- Increase the service availability of the drug and alcohol treatment sector through improved regional coordination and by commissioning additional drug and alcohol treatment services targeting areas of need, with a focus on methamphetamine use in the community where appropriate; and
- Improve the effectiveness of drug and alcohol treatment services for individuals requiring support and treatment by increasing coordination between various sectors, and improving sector efficiency.

National Ice Action Strategy (NIAS) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

Commission new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander specific service providers through RFT process for 12 months based on the new State-wide Needs Assessment.

New services will have a focus on early intervention and innovative time limited treatment services.



Activity will continue to meet the following key objectives:

- Increasing the service delivery capacity of the drug and alcohol treatment sector through improved regional coordination and by commissioning additional drug and alcohol treatment services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; and
- Improving the effectiveness of drug and alcohol treatment services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people requiring support and treatment by increasing coordination between various sectors, and improving sector efficiency.

Core Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

This activity is funded until 30 December 2021.

The activity aims to increase access to drug and alcohol treatment services in regional, rural and remote areas by addressing gaps in the workforce and providing additional specialist services to these areas of need.

CSAPHN will engage existing providers to address identified gaps in the alcohol and other drugs workforce by providing additional funding to increase the workforce in areas of need. Specialist outreach services will also be explored with DASSA encompassing locations which currently have low to no access to drug and alcohol services and who are experiencing high demand for treatment and support.

General Practice Support for Drug and Alcohol Treatment

This activity is funded until 29 December 2021.

The aim of the activity is to provide additional support and resources to support the delivery of drug and alcohol training packages to the primary health care sector.

Initiate activities to strengthen the capacity of General Practitioners to address drug and alcohol addiction in their communities through:

- providing support to General Practitioners (GPs) and other health professionals to build the capacity of the health workforce to deliver high quality care for clients with drug and alcohol issues;

- promoting the education package and training grants for drug and alcohol addiction to GPs delivered through the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicines (ACRRM) and The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) to strengthen the capacity of GPs to address drug and alcohol issues in their community;
- assisting GPs and other health professionals to enhance their knowledge and application of alcohol and other drug addiction referral pathways, supporting improved access to drug and alcohol treatment; and
- increasing awareness of and support GPs in using the range of evidence-based resources available to improve drug and alcohol addiction treatment.

