



Government of **Western Australia**
Mental Health Commission

BUDGET BULLETIN 2019-20

The 2019-20 State Budget will deliver \$942.1 million to mental health, alcohol and other drug services in 2019-20, representing an increase of \$23.7 million (2.58%). \$1.5 million¹ has been allocated to capital expenditure in addition to capital grants of \$10.9 million² for the construction of community mental health step up/step down facilities.

The key initiatives from the 2019-20 budget process outcomes are identified below.

Methamphetamine Action Plan

\$40.5 million is being provided to the Mental Health Commission and \$2 million to the Department of Health for the co-ordinated and integrated approach to address methamphetamine issues in Western Australia as part of the State Government's full response to the Methamphetamine Action Plan Taskforce report.

Initiatives include:

- planning for the expansion of the award-winning mental health police co-response model to regional areas and to appropriately address alcohol and other drug issues;
- development of low-medical withdrawal beds and a specialist youth service in the Kimberley;
- development of an up to 10-bed Crisis Intervention Centre in Midland; and
- expansion of the Transitional Housing and Support Program with 13 additional beds.

Recovery College

A state-wide Recovery College will be progressively established across Western Australia, with \$3.6 million provided over four years.

It will enable self-directed recovery, and mental health, and alcohol and other drug learning opportunities.

The Recovery College will complement existing mental health, and alcohol and other drug support services and the rollout in regional areas will coincide with the commencement of community mental health step up/step down services. The request for tender to establish and operate the Recovery College will be released on Tenders WA on 7 June 2018 and close on 16 August 2019.

The Recovery College will operate using a hub and satellite design which will be progressively implemented state-wide over a two year period. It is anticipated course co-design will commence in the second half of 2020.

¹ Capital expenditure in 2019-20 and across the forward estimates for Geraldton community step up/step down service is \$5.93 million.

² Capital grants in 2019-20 and across the forward estimates to Department of Communities for the Bunbury, Kalgoorlie and Karratha community mental health step up/step down services is \$16.432 million.

Table 1: 2019-20 State Budget - Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drug Services

2019-20 State Budget	2018-19 Estimated Actual (\$'000)	2019-20 Budget Estimate (\$'000)	\$ Growth (\$'000)
Hospital Bed-Based Services	393,365	403,127	9,762
Community Bed-Based Services			
- Total	56,262	67,175	10,313
- Capital grants to other agencies ¹	5,239	10,909	5,670
- Total less capital grants	51,023	56,266	5,243
Community Treatment	404,250	408,025	3,775
Community Support	49,515	50,723	1,208
Prevention	15,014	13,075	-1,939 ²
Total	918,406	942,125	23,719
Total less capital grants	913,167	931,216	18,049

Service categories as per the Western Australian Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug Services Plan: 2015-2025.

¹Capital grants to Department of Communities for the Bunbury, Kalgoorlie and Karratha community mental health step up/step down services.

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Move towards community based services

Detailed planning for the divestment of infrastructure and the decommissioning and reinvestment of mental health services at Graylands Hospital will be further progressed with \$3 million allocated to the Department of Health.

New services may include a combination of inpatient services, hospital in the home services, community bed based services, and community support options. These services will be established before existing services at Graylands are closed.

The decommissioning and reinvestment of services from Graylands Hospital is a key reform area in the *Western Australian Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug Service Plan 2015-2025*.

Funding for community bed-based services will increase by 19.4% compared to 2018-19.

A total of \$22.4 million will be spent on the construction and commencement of operation of four regional community mental health step up/step down services across 2019-20 and 2020-21.

Community mental health step up/step down services provide support to people in the

community and close to their personal supports from family and friends.

Other funding initiatives in the 2019-20 Budget and across the forward estimates include:

- \$20.1 million for the continuation of the North West Drug and Alcohol Support Program;
- \$8.1 million for continuation of *Suicide Prevention 2020: Together We Can Save Lives* programs through to December 2020;
- \$5.9 million for continuation of the Mental Health Court Diversion and Support Program;
- \$3.3 million for the continuation of the 55-bed Transitional Housing and Support Program, with 13 new beds to be added;
- \$3.2 million for the continuation of 13 FTE for Community Alcohol and Drug Services;
- \$1.1 million for School Drug Education and Road Awareness (SDERA) Program;
- \$0.9 million for continuation of the Strong Spirit Strong Mind Workforce Training;
- \$0.6 million for Frontline Worker Training; and
- \$0.5 million for Peer Education Program.

Table 2: 2019-20 State Budget - Mental Health Services

2019-20 State Budget - Mental Health Services	2018-19 Mental Health Estimated Actual (\$'000)	2019-20 Mental Health Budget Estimate (\$'000)	Mental Health Growth (\$'000)
Hospital Bed-Based Services	390,131	399,905	9,774
Community Bed-Based Services			
- Total	36,976	45,799	8,823
- Capital grants to other agencies ¹	5,239	10,909	5,670
- Total less capital grants	31,737	34,890	3,153
Community Treatment	354,710	357,919	3,209
Community Support	42,928	43,775	847
Prevention	7,064	5,879	-1,185 ²
Total	831,809	853,277	21,468
Total less capital grants	826,570	842,368	15,798

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Table 3: 2019-20 State Budget - Alcohol and Other drug Services

2019-20 State Budget - AOD Services	2018-19 AOD Estimated Actual (\$'000)	2019-20 AOD Budget Estimate (\$'000)	AOD Growth (\$'000)
Hospital Bed-Based Services	3,234	3,222	-0,012
Community Bed-Based Services	19,286	21,376	2,090
Community Treatment	49,540	50,106	0,566
Community Support	6,587	6,948	0,361
Prevention	7,950	7,196	-0,754 ¹
Total	86,597	88,848	2,251

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