



ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS ADVISORY BOARD COMMUNIQUE – MEETING 28 NOVEMBER 2023

The Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board (AODAB) is established pursuant to section 14 of the *Alcohol and Other Drug Act 1974* (the Act) to provide advice to the CEO (the Mental Health Commissioner) about matters relevant to performance of functions under section 11 - the functions of the CEO. In fulfilling this purpose, the AODAB consults with the alcohol and other drugs (AOD) and related sectors to ensure advice to the Commissioner reflects the broad range of views and experience of people affected by AOD related harm, such as communities, young people, the ageing population and those with co-occurring health issues such as mental health issues and conditions.

The AODAB is committed to communicating information about its work where possible and will provide a publicly available communique about the AODAB activities.

This communique provides all stakeholders with information from the 28 November 2023 meeting.

Independent Review of the WA Health System Governance (IGR)

The AODAB was informed about the status of the ongoing AOD governance review and discussed a number of options and implications for future service delivery.

Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board Workplan Priorities

The AODAB has commenced planning for 2024 and has identified two key priority areas for action:

- addressing stigma and discrimination; and
- implementing and advising of strategies that ensure decisions relating to AOD policy are evidence-based, in a context where there can be strong influence from vested and commercial interests.

The next AODAB meeting is scheduled for 14 February 2024.