



## SYSTEM-WIDE DATA WORKING GROUP COMMUNIQUE – MEETING 16 FEBRUARY 2022

The sixth meeting of the System-Wide Data Working Group (SWDWG) was held on 16 February 2022. This communique provides all stakeholders with information and outcomes from this meeting.

The SWDWG's purpose is to support the Mental Health Executive Committee (MHEC) and the Community Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drug Council (CMC) by undertaking time-limited data-related projects. These projects will provide advice in relation to the ongoing monitoring, reporting and evaluation of the Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drug sectors. A list of the current SWDWG members can be found [here](#).

### Outcomes Measurement Framework Project

The first major project of the SWDWG is the development of an Outcomes Measurement Framework (OMF) for the WA State Priorities Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs 2020 – 2024 (WA State Priorities). The OMF will be used to inform government, key stakeholders, service providers and the Western Australian communities of the achievements of publicly funded initiatives against desired outcomes. The project considers existing relevant reporting frameworks and the information needs of stakeholders and seeks to avoid unnecessary reporting burden for services and clinicians.

The OMF is being developed in tranches. The first tranche focussed on selected Key Projects identified from the March 2020 Quarterly Progress Update for the WA State Priorities. The draft deliverables from tranche one, which have been endorsed by the Working Group, include a Reporting Tool template and its Specification Guide, and a report titled 'Key Learnings for Developing Lived Experience Outcome Indicators'.

To develop the deliverables, the SWDWG held a series of meetings, including two workshops. Consultations with clinicians, consumers and carers were undertaken and desktop research has been conducted to identify existing national and State outcomes frameworks. Throughout the course of the project, MHEC and CMC have been kept updated on progress and consulted as required.

The Working Group discussed the next steps for the completion of tranche one, and the proposed scope of work for tranche two for developing the OMF. Subject to endorsement from MHEC and CMC, the draft deliverables will be taken forward to be tested, refined and finalised in the next stage of work, including further development of outcomes and broader stakeholder consultation with service users and service providers.

### Items for Noting

Other topics that were on the SWDWG agenda for noting included an update on the upcoming annual review of the terms of reference and the development of an annual report outlining work undertaken and key achievements of the Working Group.

**The next SWDWG meeting is scheduled for 31 March 2022.** Please feel free to distribute this Communique to your wider networks. Communiques and other relevant documents for the SWDWG are available on the MHC's website.