



Government of **Western Australia**
Mental Health Commission

Expressions of Interest:

Infant, Child and Adolescent (ICA) Taskforce Implementation Program

ICA Taskforce Ministerial Oversight Committee Lived Experience Representatives x2

- One Consumer
- One Family/Carer

The voices of lived and living experience are key in transforming our system. Listening and being responsive to these voices will help us build a better mental health system for all West Australians (WA).

The opportunity

We are looking for **two** people with lived and living experience, one as a **consumer** and one as a **family member/carer** of metropolitan or regional/rural infant, child and adolescent mental health services in WA, to be lived experience representatives on the newly formed ICA Ministerial Oversight Committee.

In March 2022, the Minister for Mental Health released the Ministerial Taskforce into Public Mental Health Services for Infants, Children and Adolescents aged 0-18 years in Western Australia (the ICA Taskforce) [Final Report](#). The report recommended substantial reform of the ICA mental health system. Government has committed to implementing all 32 recommendations outlined in the Final Report.

The ICA Taskforce Ministerial Oversight Committee plays a very important role in the provision of oversight over the ICA Taskforce implementation program and in doing so it will provide assurance to both the Minister and the public that the WA Government's commitments to ICA mental health are being effectively met.

Members will need to bring informed and objective consumer, family or carer perspective to discussion and decision making and present the views and concerns of others at a systemic and strategic level.

Responsibilities of members:

To contribute their best effort to achieving the objectives of the group by:

- Liaising and networking with people with mental illness and their families.
- Contributing fully and constructively at meetings.
- Bringing a problem solving attitude to the team and contributing to a positive team culture.
- Being reliable, dependable and taking responsibility for actions assigned.
- Following the [Terms of Reference of the Committee](#), Public Sector [Code of Ethics](#), and the Mental Health Commission's Code of Conduct.



Consumers, family and carer members can expect:

1. To be equal members of a group that is respectful, open and operates with integrity.
2. To be reimbursed for their participation and out of pocket expenses.
3. Timely communication of working documents.
4. To be supported in their role on the committees and have access to training through the consumer and family/carer advocacy organisations.

The selection process

Applications will be reviewed and shortlisted based on responses to the requirements of the role. Respondents who have been shortlisted will be asked to participate in an interview within approximately one week of the closing date. Interviews will be conducted at the MHC.

This role is subject to criminal records screening check, however a conviction does not exclude the applicant from the selection process by any means. The Mental Health Commission will initiate and pay for the criminal records screening.

Who we are seeking

To be a part of the Committee, we require that you:

1. Be a person who currently or previously has identified as being a consumer of ICA mental health services, or a family member or carer representative of someone who has experience accessing ICA mental health services.
2. Ability to integrate your personal or family member/carer experiences of mental illness or co-occurring mental illness and AOD use into your life, retain value from this lived experience and have wisdom to share with others to help bring about systemic change and improvement.
3. A strong record of leadership and familiarity with system-level concerns necessary to ensure the lived experience is central to all policy and service delivery.
4. A demonstrated understanding of current priorities and issues relating to the Western Australian mental health, alcohol and other drug sector.
5. Demonstrated connection and willingness to consult regularly within a network of consumers, families, carers, service providers or community members, and be sufficiently confident to present their views in discussions and decision-making.
6. Well-developed interpersonal skills including the ability to give constructive input, maintain good working relationships with stakeholders, listen objectively, negotiate and make reasoned judgements. Demonstrated ability to use these skills to achieve results.
7. Demonstrated knowledge and experience participating and effectively contributing as a member of a strategic and/or executive level committee; and.
8. Are able to commit to **five meetings from July 2022 through to January 2023** (dates and times to be confirmed).

How will you be supported

You will receive remuneration for your contribution and reimbursement of out of pocket expenses. Rates of pay are based on the [MHC Consumer, Family, Carer and Community Paid Partnership Policy](#) at **\$75 per hour** for a minimum of three hours.

You will also be provided with:

- Briefing and orientation prior to the commencement of this opportunity
- Office space to meet and work at the MHC.





How to apply

Please send your Curriculum Vitae and a brief statement (no more than two pages) outlining their suitability, based on the eight (8) criteria listed above to the MHC via one of the mechanisms below by 4.00pm on Friday 24 June 2022.

Email to:

cataskforce@mhc.wa.gov.au

Post to:

The Mental Health Commission
Attention: Dr Sophie Davison
GPO Box X2299
Perth Business Centre WA, 6847

Hand deliver:

(marked Attention Dr Sophie Davison, Lived Experience Advisor) to Level 1, Workzone, 1 Nash Street, Perth. We are adjacent to Mclver Station.

For more information, please contact: Dr Sophie Davison at cataskforce@mhc.wa.gov.au

The information you provide will only be seen by the Program Office. Sensitive personal information contained in consumer, family and carer Expressions of Interest, Application Forms and Criminal Records Screening checks (including emails with attachments) are stored electronically in a confidential, secure folder with strictly limited access. The records are stored in line with the State Records Act 2000.

If you require assistance to complete this application or would like to provide feedback about this application process, please contact a member of the MHC's Engagement Team on **(08) 6553 0600** or email: engagement@mhc.wa.gov.au.

