

Government of Western Australia Mental Health Commission

WA State Priorities Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs 2020 – 2024

Priorities Update – as at 31 July 2022

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Community Support Community Accommodation





System Supports and Processes

Prevention	Key Projects	Lead	Delivery Date	Sustainable Health Review Alignment
	WA Suicide Prevention Framework 2025 ♦	МНС	Dec 2025	6a
Suicide prevention	Development and release of Mental Health Wellbeing Framework and Action Plan	МНС	Oct 2022	твс
	Aftercare Model	МНС	JUI 2023	
	Deliver alcohol and pregnancy campaign, training, evaluation plan and data system to identify hotspots	МНС	Aug 2022	2b, 8
	Trial of banned drinkers register in Kalgoorlie Boulder	DLGSC	TBC	2b
Alcohol and other drugs reduction strategies	Provide Drug Education Support Services (DESS) workers at all 16 Youth Accommodation and Support Services in WA	мнс	Aug 2022	6c
	Statewide expansion of Strong Spirit Strong Mind project	МНС	Oct 2022	2b
Local government health plans (illicit drugs)	Development of illicit drug and mental health resource	мнс	Sep 2022	
Real time prescription monitoring	Implementation of improved real time prescription monitoring	DoH	Jul 2022	
Illicit drugs at high risk events	Targeting at-risk young people at music festivals/other risk settings	мнс	Ongoing	1
Completed				
0	Aboriginal Suicide Prevention Regional Planning	МНС	Sep 2021	6a
Suicide Prevention	Workplace mental health grants	DMIRS	June 2022	7
Alcohol and other drug	Pilot adaptation of Cardiff Project to prevent and reduce alcohol-related harm affecting EDs and other frontline services	МНС	June 2022	2b
reduction strategies	Expansion of Alcohol. Think Again - Parents, Young People and Alcohol Campaign (Young people aged 12-17)	МНС	Jun 2022	2b
Real time prescription	Model of care for assessment of patients with prescription opioid use	МНС	Mar 2021	7
monitoring	Expand the WA take home Naloxone program (Commonwealth) pilot	МНС	Jun 2022	7
Mental health prevention	Mentally healthy workplaces	МНС	Nov 2021	1
	Parenting Campaign	МНС	Dec 2021	7
	Industry-led funding proposal for project to promote mental health in sporting club settings	Sports West/ MHC/	Oct 2021	1

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Illicit drugs at high risk events	Emerging Drug Network Australia (EDNA) - ongoing until 2025 Development of a WA Early Warning System (EWS) to facilitate rapid and targeted harm reduction strategies	MHC/EMHS	Feb 2022	6a

Community Support	Key Projects	Lead	Delivery Date	Sustainable Health Review Alignment
Alternatives to EDs	Implementation of 'Walk With Me' - Methamphetamine Action Plan	EMHS/MHC	May 2022	6a, 7
Expansion of supported accommodation	See 'A Safe place' item in Community Accommodation section below			
	Implement Step Up/ Step Down program, including clinical in-reach component:			
	• Karratha		Dec 2022	
Step up/ step downs	• Broome	МНС	Jun 2024	6a, 7
	South Hedland		Jul 2024	
	Youth (Metro)		Jul 2024	
Recovery college	Implement statewide Recovery College	МНС	Jul 2023	7
	Support the implementation of the NDIS for psychosocial cohorts	Commonwealth/ MHC/DoC	Jun 2023	6c
Community support - other	Implementation of Active Recovery Teams (ART)	MHC / NMHS / SMHS / EMHS / WACHS	Jul 2022	6a, 7
	Psychosocial support packages for young people 16-24	МНС	Jul 2022	6c
	Expansion of Parent and Family Drug Support Program Peer Support Network	МНС	Jun 2025	7
Completed				
Step up/ Step Down	Implement Step Up/ Step Down program, including clinical in-reach component - Kalgoorlie and Geraldton	МНС	Feb 2021	6a, 7
Community support - other	Increase capacity of Moss St residential service by five beds	SMHS/MHC	Aug 2021	6a
	Midland Intervention Centre for AOD consumers	МНС	Mar 2021	7
Alternatives to EDs	Develop AOD Crisis Intervention system service model	МНС	Nov 2020	7
	Implement Safe Haven Café model: Royal Perth and Kununurra 	MHC/EMHS/ WACHS	Nov 2020	6c, 7
	Pilbara GP MH-ETS pilot	WACHS /MHC	Dec 2021	7



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Community Accommodation	Key Projects	Lead	Delivery Date	Sustainable Health Review Alignment
	Youth mental health and AOD homelessness residential service - 16 bed \blacklozenge	МНС	Mar 2024	6a
Community beds for high needs	Youth long-term house and support program: expanded Individualised Community Living Strategy (ICLS) for young people 16-24	мнс	Oct 2023	6c, 7
	AOD withdrawal and rehabilitation facility - 20 bed	МНС	Jul 2024	6a,7
Contemporary bed based models	Review and expand Commonwealth Specialist Dementia Care Unit Program review	MHC/ Commonwealth	Dec 2022	6a
Completed				
Expansion of community supported beds	Public release of A Safe Place strategy	МНС	Jun 2020	6a, 7
AOD transition housing	Expand AOD Transition Housing and Support Program	МНС	Mar 2021	6a
Community beds for high needs	Youth mental health and AOD homelessness interim residential service - 8 bed \blacklozenge	МНС	Feb 2022	6a
	Implement 20 bed metropolitan adult Community Care Unit ♦	MHC/SMHS	Jul 2022	6a

Treatment Services	Key Projects	Lead	Delivery Date	Sustainable Health Review Alignment		
Community Treatment	Community Treatment					
	See implementation of Active Recovery Teams (ART) item in Community Support section above					
	Progress recommendations from the evaluation of public community mental health services and the Mental Health Emergency Response Line	MHC/EMHS	Dec 2022	6c		
	Development of a Community Treatment and Emergency Response Roadmap	МНС	Dec 2022	7		
	Expansion of youth mental health community treatment services (Youth Axis, YouthLink and YouthReach South)	MHC / NMHS / SMHS/ EMHS	Jul 2022	6c, 7		
	Expansion of Youth Community Assessment and Treatment Team outreach service	MHC / NMHS / SMHS/ EMHS	Jul 2022	6c, 7		
	Expansion of Mental Health/Police co-response program	МНС	Jan 2023	6a, 7		
Community treatment services	Transitional Care Unit rehabilitation and recovery unit and prevention unit	МНС	Jul 2022	6a, 6c, 7		
	CAMHS Community Treatment 10% uplift	МНС	Dec 2023	6a, 7		
	Adult Community Treatment 5% uplift	МНС	Jun 2023	6a, 7		
	Assessment and Treatment team - Crisis GP Liaison Pilot	MHC/SMHS	TBC			
	Dual Diagnosis Model of Care for community service - proposed pilot Midland Community Mental Health (trial until June 2024)	MHC/EMHS	TBC			
	Post ED and Crisis Intervention Response Pilot (until June 2024)	MHC/NMHS	TBC			
	Kids Head to Health	Commonwealth / MHC / HSPs	Late 2023			
	Deliver a comprehensive AOD service in the Kimberley for young people with complex needs	МНС	Sep 2022	6a		
AOD community treatment	Mandurah Next Step and integrated Community AOD service for young people and adults in the Peel Health Hub	МНС	Jul 2022	6a, 6c		
	Immediate Drug Assistance Coordination Centre (IDACC) Perth CBD hub and related services	МНС	Dec 2022	6c, 7		
	Graylands services reviewed	DoH	Dec 2022	6a		
Forensic services	10 youth forensic beds – Commonwealth initiative	DoH	TBC	6a		
	Child, Adolescent and Youth Forensic Outreach Services (CAYFOS) for 10-24 year olds	МНС	Jul 2022	6c, 7		
Hospital Treatment						
Hospital beds (secure/ open)	 Deliver expansions and refurbishments: Fremantle - 40 beds ◆ Joondalup - 77 (30 new + 47 refit) beds Geraldton - 12 beds Royal Perth Hospital Acute Psychiatric Unit – 12 beds Midland Mental Health Observation Area - 6 beds Geraldton Mental Health Observation Area - 4 beds Bunbury Mental Health Observation Area - 6 beds Sir Charles Gairdner Behavioural Assessment Urgent Care Centre (BAUCC) Rockingham Mental Health Emergency Centre Rockingham BAUCC Armadale MHEC Armadale BAUCC 	DoH/HSPs/MHC	Dec 2022	6a, 7		



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Sector Development System Supports and Processes

Treatment Services	Key Projects	Lead	Delivery Date	Sustainable Health Review Alignment
Completed				
Suicide Intervention and postvention	Implementation of statewide postvention and support service \blacklozenge	мнс	Jun 2022	6a
Diversion programs	Develop regional model for Mental Health Police Co-Response program	MHC/Police	2021	7
Diversion programs	Review existing Adult Court Diversion program	МНС	Jan 2021	6a
Forensic services	Development of Interim Forensic Mental Health Business Case	MHC/DoH	Dec 2019	7
Community treatment services	Development of a Community Dual Diagnosis Model of Care	EMHS	Jun 2021	7
Children & Youth	Establish a mental health Lived Experience Group for collaborative, person-centred service development	CAHS (CAMHS)	Nov 2021	6c, 7
Eating Disorders	Eating disorders business case	NMHS/DoH/MHC	Dec 2019	7
Hospital beds	Plan and operationalise a Mental Health Transition Unit (TCU)	DoH / MHC / EMHS	Jul 2022	6a
Personality disorders	Develop personality disorder service focus principles	МНС	Sep 2020	6a
Severe mental illness and challenging behaviours	Chief Psychiatrist discussion paper	OCP	Oct 2020	
	COVID-19 acute behavioural disturbance guidelines produced	DoH	Jul 2020	

Sector Development	Key Projects	Lead	Delivery Date	Sustainable Health Review Alignment
	 Implement Workforce Strategic Framework release package: Aboriginal Workforce Development Peer Workforce Capacity Building Employment Pathways and Organisational Capacity Building Training in Trauma-Informed Care and Practice 	мнс	Aug 2022	7
Workforce	Develop Public Mental Health Workforce plan	MHC / DoH	Dec 2022	7
	Decvelop community sector mental health and alcohol and other drug workforce plan	MHC / Community sector	Jun 2023	7
	Aboriginal Workforce Development - Cultural Governance Framework Implementation	WACHS	Dec 2022	6,7
Contemporary patient care	orary patient care See Development of a Community Treatment and Response Roadmap item in Treatment Services section above			
Consortiums and partnerships	Develop Joint Regional Plans	WAPHA	Jul 2022	6c
Peer workers across the sector	Develop a peer worker model of care for child and adolescent services	CAHS	Jun 2022	6c, 7
Completed				
Workforce	Release Workforce Strategic Framework	МНС	Oct 2020	7
Peer workers across the	Develop peer model for Fiona Stanley Hospital	MHC/SMHS	Dec 2020	6c, 7
sector	Carer Peer co-location project at Rockingham Peel Group	SMHS/MHC	Dec 2020	6c, 7
Safety and support for staff Consortiums and partnerships	Stop the Violence initiative	DoH	May 2021	7
	Develop Stakeholder Engagement Framework	МНС	Mar 2021	6c
Contemporary patient care	Implementation of a Care Coordination Framework	EMHS	Oct 2021	7

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Streamline patient documentation	Reduce documentation, reporting and duplication across HSPs and community sector	твс	ТВС	6c
Mental health accommodation vacancy system	Develop scope for a mental health and AOD community accommodation vacancy system	МНС	TBC	7
Navigation of services	Support implementation of telehealth and digital remote working solutions in government and non-government sectors ♦	MHC/HSPs	TBC	7
Completed				
Flow and transition services	Establish a temporary Patient Flow Coordinator	МНС	Jan 2021	6c
Flow and transition services	WAAMH referral framework and review on accommodation pathways	МНС	Nov 2021	7
Delivering consumer	Data mapping during COVID-19	МНС	Dec 2020	6b
outcomes	Implementation and delivery of 24/7 Mental Health Emergency Telehealth Service	WACHS	Ongoing	7
Navigation of services	Operationalise One Stop Shop pilot	МНС	Jun 2022	6a

Responsibility:

Other agency

MHC

SHR Alignment = Sustainable Health Review Recommendations

♦ = COVID-19 related item



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Priority Cohorts	Key Projects	Lead	Delivery Date	Sustainable Health Review Alignment
	Ministerial Taskforce into Public Mental Health Services for Children and Adolescents Aged 0-18 Years in Western Australia (ICA Taskforce)	MHC/CAMHS	Jul 2022	6c, 7
Children and youth	Development of Eating Disorder Intensive Outpatient Model of Care	SMHS/DoH/MHC	Jul 2022	7
	Expansion of Eating Disorder Treatment service for young people aged 16 years and above	МНС	Jan 2023	6c
	Psychological support for students in WA schools including additional school psychologists	DoE	TBC	6c. 7
Neuropsychiatry and developmental disabilities	TBC	твс		
Aboriginal people	Social and Emotional Wellbeing investment at Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service	МНС	Jul 2022	6c
Completed				
Children and youth	Ministerial Taskforce into Public Mental Health Services for Children and Adolescents Aged 0-18 Years in Western Australia (ICA Taskforce)	MHC/CAMHS	Nov 2021	6c, 7
onnaron and youth	Develop Young People Priorities for Action implementation plan	МНС	Mar 2022	6c
Aboriginal people	Aboriginal Cultural Security Review	CAHS (CAMHS)	Dec 2021	6a, 7
	Expansion of the Statewide Specialised Aboriginal Mental Health Service (SSAMHS)	CAHS (CAMHS)	Jan 2022	6a, 7



SHR Alignment = Sustainable Health Review Recommendations