



Mental Health, Wellbeing, and Alcohol and Other Drugs Joint Leadership Group

Communique – Meeting 8 August 2024

The third meeting of the Mental Health, Wellbeing, and Alcohol and Other Drugs Joint Leadership Group (JLG) was held on Thursday, 8 August 2024. This communique provides all stakeholders with information and outcomes from the meeting.

The JLG provides high level, system-wide, collaborative decision-making, and oversight, to deliver a system that adopts a person and family-centred approach and encapsulates whole of system priorities. This includes the transition to more community-based services that provide prevention and earlier intervention, and diversion away from acute in-patient services. The JLG is accountable for the delivery of key reform priorities including those outlined in the overarching system-wide Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drugs Strategy 2025-2030 (when completed) in alignment with the Outcome Measurement Framework (when completed).

Introduction of the new Assistant Commissioners

Members were introduced to the four new Assistant Commissioner who attend the JLG as strategic advisors.

- Assistant Commissioner Aboriginal Affairs - Mr James Christian
- Assistant Commissioner Alcohol and Other Drugs - Dr Stephen Bright
- Assistant Commissioner Lived Experience (Consumer) - Ms Patricia Tran
- Assistant Commissioner Lived Experience (Significant Other) - Ms Wendy Cream

Mental Health Advocacy Service inquiry into services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and compliance with the Mental Health Act 2014 Recommendations

Members discussed the responsibilities and progress against the recommendations arising from the Mental Health Advocacy Service (MHAS) inquiry into services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Community Treatment and Emergency Services Reform

Members were provided with a broad overview of the future strategic direction for Community Treatment and Emergency Services Reform and actions undertaken to date.

Eating Disorders Framework Consultation

Members were provided with an update on the draft Eating Disorders Framework.

Criminal Law Impairment Bill

Members were provided with an update on the Criminal Law Impairment Bill monitoring framework.

JLG Annual Workplan

Members discussed the amendments and new priorities added to the JLG annual workplan.

Other items of note:

Members were provided with an update on the business case for the Graylands Reconfiguration and Forensic Taskforce.

The Co-Chairs of the Joint Executive Directors Sub-Group, Clinical Advisory Group and Lived Experience Advisory Group provided updates on progress to date on priorities and recruitment.

A Project Watching Brief was provided to the JLG to note key updates and upcoming milestones of the following items:

- Independent Review of WA Health System Governance;
- Western Australian Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs Strategy 2025-2030;
- Outcomes Measurement Framework;

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- The Community Mental Health Treatment and Emergency Services Reform; and
- Criminal Law Impairment Bill.
- *Alcohol and Other Drugs Act 1974*.
- Collective Responsibility to support compliance of the *Mental Health Act 2014*.

The next JLG meeting is scheduled for 17 October 2024.