

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **\$1.8 BILLION BUDGET FOR MENTAL HEALTH**

The NSW Government will invest \$1.8 billion in mental health funding in the 2016/17 Budget, an increase of \$106 million from last year.

The Budget will support the government's decade long mental health reform to better shift the balance from hospital to community-based care to ensure people can live well with a mental illness.

Minister for Mental Health Pru Goward said NSW is reforming mental health to build a world-class, community-based mental health care system.

"The new investment in this year's budget continues to support the delivery of inpatient services and includes a focus on community mental health, supporting young people and suicide prevention," Ms Goward said.

"I'm delighted that this Budget will deliver an additional \$8 million over four years for a suicide prevention fund for our wonderful NGO partners to prevent suicide in our communities."

Key initiatives in the 2016-17 Budget include:

- \$20 million for the continuation of the Community Living Supports Program to support those with a complex mental illness live well in the community
- \$11 million for a statewide rollout of the CAMHS GOT IT! Teams, a program which provides early mental health intervention to young people in schools
- \$5.1 million for Whole Family Teams supporting families with complex mental health and drug and alcohol issues, an increase of \$1.7 million
- \$5 million for Older Persons Mental Health Teams, an increase of \$3.5 million to assist people in Central Coast, Mid North Coast, Nepean Blue Mountains, Northern NSW, Sydney and South Western Sydney LHDs
- \$3 million for Perinatal and Infant Mental Health Teams, an increase of \$480,000 to assist over 900 people in South Eastern Sydney, Western Sydney LHDs and the Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network
- \$3 million to continue to support LifeLine to provide vital crisis services.