

CENTRE FOR ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

Update on the implementation of the response to the SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE DRUG 'ICE' (ICE INQUIRY)

The Centre for Alcohol and Other Drugs (CAOD) is responsible for the implementation of the Health recommendations from the Government response to the Ice Inquiry.

In total, the Commissioner made 109 recommendations. Of those, 86 were supported by government with \$500 million over four years in funding pledged for Health and Justice to deliver targeted reforms. The final Government response provided an overview of how the \$500 million will address treatment gaps and improve health and social outcomes through a suite of cross-government initiatives, including:

- Evidence-based prevention, treatment, support and early intervention services, especially in regional and rural areas for key priority populations.
- Integrated care for people with multiple and complex needs.
- Enhancing digital capability, system navigation and virtual healthcare.
- Enhancing the AOD workforce, including Aboriginal health practitioners and peers (new jobs, traineeships, career pathway development and skills building).
- Better utilisation of data and evidence to inform system priorities, management, monitoring and evaluation.
- Expanded justice initiatives including: MERIT, Drug Court, Circle Sentencing, Justice Reinvestment, Youth Koori Court.

IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

EVIDENCE BASED TREATMENT AND INTEGRATED CARE: NGO SERVICE FUNDING

Progress has been made on increasing critical non-government organisation (NGO) and Aboriginal community controlled (ACCO) AOD services, including new funding for **35 NGO treatment and support services** following multiple grant rounds, including for post-custodial support services; Treatment Access Expansion and setting up new Hubs.

The investment seeks to increase the availability of AOD services with a particular focus on services designed for the priority populations identified in the inquiry. Of note,

- 86 % of new services are in regional and rural areas.
- 14% of the services will be delivered by Aboriginal community-controlled organisations, ensuring more culturally safe services for Aboriginal people.

The CAOD is proud to have worked alongside the Consumer Reference Committee (CRC) in the development and commissioning of many of these services, including having consumer representatives on the Evaluation Committees for the Hubs grants.

In addition to the funding for new services, funding is being allocated to NGOs through a **service and amenities grants** process, aiming to improve operations and amenities to better respond to current and future demand for services.

EVIDENCE BASED TREATMENT AND INTEGRATED CARE: LHD/SHN SERVICES

SCI funding has further boosted access to vital services by commissioning **19 new and 23 expanded NSW Health AOD services**. Many of these new service models have a focus on integrated care and complex case management. These include Substance Use In Pregnancy and Parenting Services (SUPPS); Assertive Community Management (ACM); Hospital Consultation Liaison expansion; comorbidity models of care; increased access to withdrawal management; additional services for young people, including a new child and adolescent service at Hunter Children's Hospital; and 3 new safe assessment units.

AOD treatment services have been expanded for **people in custody**, including remand, with an enhanced model of care being implemented by Justice Health NSW drug and alcohol services; and a new adolescent specialist AOD in the Adolescent Mental Health and AOD service.

In all at least **300 FTE** have been funded across these LHD services to date, including **33 Aboriginal and 26 lived and living experience identified roles**. Recruitment has commenced and will continue through 2024.

The complete list of SCI funded services and programs (LHD, SHN, ACCO and NGO) by NSW local health district and network are appended to this document.

DIVERSION PROGRAMS

Funding enabled a major expansion of the **Magistrates Early Referral Into Treatment (MERIT)** program enhancing existing services, establishing new services as well as increasing beds in residential rehabilitation and withdrawal management.

The **NSW Drug Court** has expanded with a new court established in Dubbo in 2023, and a two-stage process to expand operations at Sydney Drug Court in 2023-24.

The Department of Communities and Justice, NSW Police, NSW Health, and Revenue NSW have agreed to commence the **Early Drug Diversion Initiative (EDDI)** on 29 February 2024. EDDI is a NSW court diversion program aimed at increasing court efficiencies and providing opportunities for people with low level drug offences to engage in health services about their drug use. St Vincent's Health Network will deliver the EDDI telephone-based drug health intervention.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Gains have been made towards growing and developing the workforce, including the development of a much-needed **AOD workforce strategy** (due to be published early this year). This was informed by the **Inaugural NSW AOD Workforce Census REPORT**.

In partnership with the sector, an Employee Value Proposition (EVP) has been designed for promoting careers in the sector and strategies to retain staff.

In addition to hundreds of new roles in NGO and LHD services, there have been some targeted workforce activities including:

- 19 scholarships awarded for the Graduate Certificate in Criminology and Criminal Justice for people who work with MERIT and Drug Court.
- 60 places funded on the TAFE AOD skillset training, many already completed.
- Funding for NUAA to establish the Peer Workforce Development Program ConnectED, including skills and storytelling training, webinars, online support and a Community of Practice.
- 31 new Lyn Gardner scholarships (in 2022-23 and 2023-24) for nurses and midwives to undertake the Graduate Certificate in Drug and Alcohol nursing (priority was given to regional and rural applicants).
- AH&MRC have commenced delivery of the first 8 units of the Cert IV in AOD (9 full days) for up to 36 Aboriginal workers living in rural/remote communities.
- Funding to support a trial of a state-wide Addiction Education Program and Addiction Medicine Advanced Training Program for JMOs.
- Funding to support leadership training and development for the NGO sector.

ABORIGINAL ENGAGEMENT

An Aboriginal Strategic Collaboration Group (ASCG) has been established to help create **culturally safe programs and services** by advising and informing the CAOD's work.

The CAOD is also strengthening partnerships with AHMRC, ACDAN and the ADARRN to ensure wide consultation with Aboriginal networks on key priorities.

The work of the CAOD will be underpinned by an Aboriginal Engagement Strategy, which has been created to develop a culture that demonstrates respect for and understanding of the needs and priorities of Aboriginal people and communities in all CAOD projects and activities.

For two key initiatives, the AOD Hubs and the Post-Custodial Support Program, CAOD quarantined funding to ensure ACCOs would operate a portion of the new services. For the Hubs grant process, independent professional support was offered to ACCOs to access group and 1:1 grant writing support. As a result, 2 of the 5 Post-Custodial Support services are operated by ACCOs. For the AOD Hubs, 3 of the 12 Hubs are ACCO-led and a further 4 Hubs are partnerships that include an ACCO as a key service partner.

BETTER USE OF DATA AND EVIDENCE

Research and evaluation capacity across the state has been expanded with 6 new grants awarded to NGOs, with 5 in regional areas. Funding has also been provided to DACRIN member organisations for research capacity building in LHDs and NGOs, including training, statistical support, and equipment.

Multiple organisations have been funded to **enhance drug surveillance capability and early warning systems** in NSW. Key projects include expansion of laboratory testing capability for novel substances, improving data availability for surveillance activities, and implementing a trial of drug residue testing post overdose.

PREVENTION AND EDUCATION

The CAOD is working with the Department of Education on revising the ***Principles for Drug Education in Schools***, supporting best practice, evidence based AOD prevention in schools in NSW.

Funding has been allocated for the expansion of ***Preventure***, a primary and early secondary prevention program designed to delay initiation into alcohol and other drug use. The focus will be on optimising the program in regional and rural NSW.

FOCUS FOR 2024

Areas of focus for 2024 are:

- Implementation of new services and programs, including establishing a monitoring (program and system level) and evaluation framework.
- Measures to better support family, carers and friends.
- Building on the Information, Access and Support project to enable more readily accessible information; streamlined access to services, including consistency in the approach to intake and assessment; improved system navigation and coordination of care.
- Commissioning Hub style models in areas of remaining need.
- Increasing access to virtual care.
- Grants for Aboriginal youth focussed prevention programs and research into co-designing a new Aboriginal youth AOD prevention program.
- Targeted workforce development activities to focus on skills and capability, training content and career pathways. This includes targeted support for the growing lived/living experience and Aboriginal workforces.
- Build the evidence base and utilise data assets to support collaborative planning, proactive system responses and effective prevention and treatment responses.
- Working as a sector to manage and, where possible, mitigate the challenges arising from implementation of such a significant upscaling of capacity, including identifying strategies to assist with workforce development and/or recruitment.

Strategic opportunities:

- Strengthening service networks and partnerships across new and existing services (public, NGO and primary care) to promote visibility of AOD services, and enhanced collaboration and coordination of care.
- Working across portfolio areas to enhance system integration within and outside of health, including partnerships to better address social determinants of health.
- Alignment of related government strategic directions and priorities (Closing the Gap, Future Health, Suicide Prevention, Homelessness, Drug Summit)
- Connecting all related activities associated with quality improvement; experience and outcomes measurement; stigma and discrimination; better use of data and evidence; workforce development and best practice clinical and corporate governance (including the VBHC program of work).

NEW AND ENHANCED NGO AND LHD SCI SERVICES AND PROGRAMS BY DISTRICT

District	Services and/or Programs	Provider and/or location
Hunter New England	Residential rehabilitation and withdrawal management for young people 12-17 years	Noffs Foundation (Hunter region- location TBC)
	Post-Custodial Support Program	Odyssey House in partnership with Drug and Alcohol Health Service (Hunter Valley)
	AOD treatment and support Hub for priority populations	Social Futures (Singleton) St Vincent de Paul (Armidale)
	Improved access to Hospital Consultation Liaison services	John Hunter plus 2 hospitals TBC
	Improved access to youth AOD services	New England and lower mid north coast
	Improved access to Substance Use in Pregnancy and Parenting Services (SUPPS)	District-wide
	Child and Adolescent Drug and Alcohol Service (including inpatient, ambulatory and outreach services)	John Hunter Children's Hospital (Newcastle)
	Magistrates Early Referral Into Treatment (MERIT) program expansion (including new Residential rehabilitation or withdrawal management beds)	Newcastle, Taree, Muswellbrook, Scone, Raymond Terrace, Singleton, Toronto, Tamworth, Maitland, Cessnock, Armidale, Inverell, Glen Innes
Illawarra Shoalhaven	Residential rehabilitation and withdrawal for Aboriginal women (including pregnant women and/or with young children)	Waminda - South Coast Women's Health and Wellbeing Aboriginal Corporation (South Nowra)
	Day rehabilitation and/or counselling for young people aged 12-17 years and young adults aged 18-24 years	Lives Lived Well (Nowra)
	Counselling for young people 12-17 years and young adults 18-24 years and community-based withdrawal for adults	Directions Health (Ulladulla region)
	AOD treatment and support Hub for priority populations	Australian Community Support Organisation (Shellharbour)
	Safe Assessment Unit	Shellharbour Hospital
	Social worker in violence, abuse and neglect for public AOD services	Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD District-wide
	Assertive Case Management service	Wollongong
	Methamphetamine case management support for OTP consumers (social worker and registered nurse led)	Nowra and Wollongong

	Expansion of the mobile van treatment team to include AOD	District-wide
	Expansion of SUPPS	TBC
	Increased access to youth AOD counselling	Shoalhaven
	Increased access to general AOD counselling	District-wide
Mid North Coast	Community based withdrawal management, case management and counselling	The Buttery (community withdrawal management outreach to client GPs and other locations and telehealth)
	Youth day rehabilitation	The Buttery (Port Macquarie)
	Post-Custodial Support Program	The Buttery (Port Macquarie, Kempsey, Coffs Harbour)
	AOD treatment and support Hub for priority populations	Aboriginal Community Housing (Kempsey)
	Improved access to inpatient withdrawal management	Port Macquarie Base Hospital
	Multi-disciplinary team providing in reach and outreach support	Port Macquarie, Kempsey and Coffs Harbour
	Methamphetamine case management support for OTP consumers (registered nurse led)	District-wide
	Expansion of SUPPS	District-wide
	Magistrates Early Referral Into Treatment (MERIT) program expansion (including new Residential rehabilitation or withdrawal management beds)	Coffs Harbour, Port Macquarie, Macksville, Kempsey, Wauchope
Northern NSW	Day rehabilitation and case management for people with dependent children	The Buttery (Lismore, Tweed, Casino and Byron Bay)
	Community based withdrawal management, case management and counselling	The Buttery (Binna Burra and outreach to client GPs and other locations and telehealth)
	Post-Custodial Support Program	The Buttery (Grafton, Ballina, Byron Bay, Lismore, Tweed Heads)
	AOD treatment and support Hub	The Buttery (Nimbin)
	Medical Workforce expansion and Clinical Leadership and Traineeship Program	TBC
	Establishment of SUPPS services across three locations	Tweed Byron Ballina Richmond Grafton

	Hospital Consultation Liaison expansion (afterhours and weekend service provision)	Lismore, Tweed, Clarence, Byron/Ballina
	Expansion and integration of youth AOD services with child and adolescent mental health services	Tweed, Byron, Ballina, Richmond, Grafton
Southern NSW	Community based withdrawal management, case management and counselling for priority populations	Directions Health (Bega and Eurobodalla regions)
	Day rehabilitation and case management for people with dependent children	Karralika Programs (Queanbeyan-Palerang and Cooma LGAs)
	Counselling for young people 12-17 years and young adults 18-24 years	Directions Health (Queanbeyan and Goulburn regions Bega region)
	Post-Custodial Support Program	Directions Health (Goulburn, Moruya, Yass, Batemans Bay, Bega, Eden, Cooma)
	AOD treatment and support Hubs for priority populations	Directions (Bega and Eden) Grand Pacific Health (Queanbeyan)
	Hospital consultation liaison expansion	District-wide
	Assertive Case Management expansion	Eurobodalla and Bega Valley
	SUPPS establishment	Bega Valley, Eurobodalla, Monaro and Tablelands
	Magistrates Early Referral Into Treatment (MERIT) program expansion (including new Residential rehabilitation or withdrawal management beds)	Goulburn, Yass, Batemans Bay, Bega, Moruya, Narooma
Murrumbidgee	Community based withdrawal management, case management and counselling for priority populations	Directions Health (Outreach from Wagga and Griffith regions)
	Post-Custodial Support Program	Directions Health (Wagga Wagga, Griffith)
	Post-Custodial Support Program for Aboriginal people	Riverina Medical and Dental Aboriginal Corporation (RivMed) (Wagga Wagga, Junee, Tumbarumba and surrounds)
	Counselling for young people aged 12-17 years and young adults aged 18-24 years	Karralika Programs (Griffith, Temora and Narrandera Wagga Wagga/Hilltops and surrounding areas)
	AOD treatment and support Hub for priority populations	The Salvation Army (Wagga Wagga)

	SUPPS workforce expansion	TBC
	Magistrates Early Referral Into Treatment (MERIT) program expansion (including new Residential rehabilitation or withdrawal management beds)	Griffith, Leeton, Narrandera, Albury, Corowa, Holbrook
Nepean Blue Mountains	Day rehabilitation for young people 12-17 years and young adults 18-24 years	Lives Lived Well (Lithgow)
	Safe Assessment Unit	Nepean Hospital (Kingswood)
	AOD Hospital Consultation Liaison team expansion	Nepean Hospital (Kingswood)
	Establishment of Lifespan Clinic for better diagnosis and treatment of health outcomes known to be associated with methamphetamine across the lifespan (including SUPPS methamphetamine clinic, paediatric and adolescent clinic, neurodiversity clinic and cognitive clinic)	Hospital TBC
	Magistrates Early Referral Into Treatment (MERIT) program expansion	Katoomba, Penrith, Windsor, Lithgow
Central Coast	Day rehabilitation and case management for people with dependent children	Yerin Eleanor Duncan Aboriginal Health (Wyong)
	SUPPS enhancement	District wide
	Hospital Consultation Liaison expansion	Gosford Hospital and Wyong Hospital
	Assertive Community Management service establishment	Outreach
Far West NSW	Day rehabilitation for young people 12-17 years and young adults 18-24 years	Mission Australia (Broken Hill)
	Integrated model of care (ambulatory detox, 'Sober Up', and focus on homeless people)	Broken Hill and Buronga
	Expansion of virtual health/telemedicine services	District-wide
	Magistrates Early Referral Into Treatment (MERIT) program expansion	Wentworth
Western NSW	Post-Custodial Support Program for Aboriginal people	WACHS: Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (Dubbo region)
	AOD treatment and support Hub for priority populations	Orange Aboriginal Medical Service (Orange, Bathurst, Cowra)
	Establishment of an integrated mental health and drug and alcohol acute care virtual service	District-wide (plus ad hoc in person clinics with hospitals and multi-purpose services)
	Expansion of the virtual Community Mental Health Team to include specialist AOD staff	District-wide (i.e. virtual and outreach)

	Magistrates Early Referral Into Treatment (MERIT) program expansion (including new Residential rehabilitation or withdrawal management beds)	Mudgee, Bourke, Brewarrina, Walgett
Sydney	AOD treatment and support Hubs for priority populations	Bill Crews Foundation (Ashfield) Mission Australia
	Counselling for young people 12-17 years and young adults 18-24 years exiting custody	Community Restorative Centre (CRC) (Based in Canterbury with assertive outreach to Greater Sydney Metropolitan region)
	Addiction psychiatry support	LHD outreach to three women's residential rehabilitation centres (locations withheld)
	Hospital Consultation Liaison expansion	Canterbury Hospital, Concord Repatriation General Hospital and Royal Prince Alfred Hospital (Camperdown)
	Establishment of a centralised intake and virtual care hub	District-wide (i.e. telehealth, virtual)
	Expansion of integrated services for women/parents with children	District-wide
	Youth AOD treatment and support expansion	Outreach
South Western Sydney	AOD treatment and support Hub for priority populations	Gandangara Aboriginal Health Services
	Counselling for young people 12-17 years and young adults 18-24 years exiting custody	Community Restorative Centre (CRC) (Liverpool, Fairfield, Bankstown)
	Expansion of Aboriginal AOD services	SWSLHD Drug Health Services SWSLHD Aboriginal Chronic Care, Tharawal AMS, Gandangara Health Services AHS (Liverpool)
	Establishment of an AOD and Mental Health Care Navigation team	In reach/partnership arrangements with LHD Hospitals, Drug Health Services, Mental Health Services and local non-government organisations
	Expansion of youth services	District-wide (i.e. digital and virtual care and support)
	Magistrates Early Referral Into Treatment (MERIT) program expansion (including new Residential rehabilitation or withdrawal management beds)	*TBC
South Eastern Sydney	Hospital Consultation Liaison expansion	Prince of Wales Hospital (Randwick), St George Hospital, Sutherland Hospital and Sydney Eye Hospital
	SUPPS enhancement	Langton Centre, Sutherland, and St George
	Safe Assessment Unit	Prince of Wales Hospital
	Drug Court Program	Downing Centre, Sydney Court

Western Sydney	Establishment of an inpatient withdrawal ward	Blacktown Hospital
	Hospital Consultation Liaison expansion	Westmead Hospital and Blacktown Hospital with outreach to Mt Druitt Hospital, Auburn Hospital and Cumberland Hospital
	Counselling for young people 12-17 years and young adults 18-24 years	Community Restorative Centre (Parramatta, Blacktown, Mount Druitt)
Northern Sydney	Assertive Case Management establishment	Royal North Shore Community Health Centre, St Leonards
	Expansion of the integrated Hospital Consultation Liaison and SUPPS service	District-wide
	Expansion of specialist co-morbidity services for AOD consumers	Hornsby Hospital and Northern Beaches Community Health Centre (Brookvale)
	Intake capacity expansion	District-wide
	Expansion of community counselling services for AOD consumers	District-wide
St Vincents Hospital Network	Triage, Rapid Assessment and Collaborative Care model (TRACC)	Darlinghurst
	An overarching model of care that aims to meet the needs of complex vulnerable populations accessing SVHN and the wider community	
Sydney Children's Hospital Network	CICADA Adolescent Drug and Alcohol Service expansion	The Children's Hospital at Westmead and Sydney Children's Hospital (Randwick)
	Multi-disciplinary, early intervention AOD service at the Children's Hospitals for 11-17 year olds with moderate to severe substance use.	
Justice Health NSW	Expansion of AOD interventions to people in custody, including those on remand in NSW prisons	Multiple locations across NSW
	Enhancement of Adolescent MH and AOD service	
State-wide	Counselling for young people 12-17 years and young adults 18-24 years exiting custody	Community Restorative Centre (state-wide virtual care)

Notes:

- This list is correct to the best of our knowledge at the time of release, LHD and NGO service enhancements or locations may vary slightly as they work together to identify local needs.
- This table identifies services or programs that have been funded, they may not yet be operational.
- The locations listed may not reflect the complete service coverage, i.e. outreach, in reach and virtual capacity.
- MERIT locations refer to the Local Courts impacted.
- Some NGOs are in final contract negotiations
- This table does **not** include all SCI initiatives (i.e. core workforce and clinical leadership enhancements), particularly for the metro sites that have substantially increased the core workforce.

AOD Hubs grants to enhance existing partnerships

Aboriginal Community Housing

Kempsey
Northern NSW LHD

- Adding a specialist AOD service into a community Hub tailored to specifically meet the needs of Aboriginal people and people at risk homelessness.
- A partnership with Kempsey Neighbourhood Centre (KNC) and Community Housing Limited to best serve the community.
- Providing assessment, care navigation and AOD treatment/referrals, including take home naloxone training, education, crisis counselling and peer support. Existing services provided by KNC include crisis assistance, emergency and temporary accommodation, social, legal and financial support.

Bill Crews Foundation

Ashfield
Sydney LHD

- Adding AOD clinical services to a Hub supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged people in Sydney
- In partnership with the Exodus Foundation.
- The existing service operates a drop-in centre in Sydney that provides food assistance, welfare support and social engagement. They host pop ups from other external support services providing mental health support, legal aid, social work and primary care, as well as access to specialised services, health screening and allied health.
- Enhancements include AOD clinicians, AOD support groups, care navigation and peer support, brokerage and dental care and piloting a mobile health outreach van.

Gandangara Aboriginal Health Service

South Western Sydney LHD

- Adding AOD clinical services to a Hub supporting First Peoples in South Western Sydney
- In partnership with South Western Sydney LHD.
- Enhancements include establishing a multidisciplinary AOD team including Cultural Engagement Officers, Peer Workers, Aboriginal Health Workers, Social Workers, Psychologists.
- Offering a culturally safe environment and increased therapeutic options to support First Peoples affected by AOD and their families to achieve enhanced quality of life

The Buttery

Nimbin
Northern NSW LHD

- Adding AOD clinical services to a Hub supporting people in Nimbin and surrounds
- In partnership with Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre (NNIC) and The Nimbin Collaborative (8 NGOs and Northern New South Wales LHD).
- Adding an AOD care navigator, a peer worker, AOD clinician and AOD group programs, to existing services which include disaster and flood recovery supports, Centrelink, technology access and a community drug action team.

Grand Pacific Health

Queanbeyan
Southern NSW LHD

- Adding AOD clinical services to a Hub supporting people who use AOD in Queanbeyan and surrounds
- In partnership with Directions Health Services, Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Regional Health and Community Services and Southern New South Wales LHD.
- Delivering screening, assessment and treatment for AOD, physical and mental health issues. Withdrawal support, counselling and groups, harm reduction, case management and family and friend support.
- Including new co-occurring needs clinicians, a peer worker, mental health and AOD clinicians and an Aboriginal Health worker.

Mission Australia

Sydney LHD

- Mission Australia currently provides a number of services to support people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness within the community in the Sydney Local Health District. This service provision will soon be enhanced with the addition of AOD clinical services to support these individuals who may also have co-occurring mental health and AOD needs.
- In partnership with Sydney LHD and a range of independent, government and voluntary services across the district Mission Australia offers co-ordinated wrap around support services via case management, tenancy and housing support, AOD, mental and physical health information and support. As part of this ongoing collaboration Mission Australia will employ an AOD nurse, social worker, care navigator and peer support workers and provide access to GPs and Psychiatry.
- Support will be tailored to the needs of people accessing the service and where they feel most comfortable either via outreach, on-site at the service hub or telehealth.

AOD Hubs grants for new partnerships

Australian Community Support Organisation

Shellharbour
Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD

- Specialist AOD services and wrap around care tailored to meet the needs of people aged 18 and over who are in contact with the criminal justice system in the Shellharbour region.
- In partnership with Grand Pacific Health, the service will be co-located in the Shellharbour Head to Health Hub, working closely with Justice Health NSW and other local services to refer and support clients.
- Delivering a suite of AOD treatment and support services including in-reach and comprehensive forensic AOD assessment to people in South Coast Correctional Centre, Community Corrections and Port Kembla Court.

Directions Health Services

Bega and Eden
Southern NSW LHD

- A Hub delivering services tailored to specifically meet the needs of people affected by AOD in regional and rural areas, people with co-occurring AOD and mental health needs and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- In partnership with Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Region Health, Grand Pacific Health and Community Services and SNSWLHD.
- Services provided by the Hub will include AOD counselling and group work, peer support, mental health care, care navigation, community-based withdrawal, hospital in-reach. The Hub will facilitate supported access to primary care, Aboriginal services, services for women and children, as well as legal, education, housing and employment services.

Orange Aboriginal Medical Service

Orange, Bathurst and Cowra
Western NSW LHD

- A Hub delivering strengths-based and trauma-informed holistic services tailored to specifically meet the needs of Aboriginal people affected by AOD as well as the wider community.
- In partnership with Western NSW LHD and the Aboriginal Maternal and Infant Health Service.
- Services will include care navigation and AOD peer support to access AOD counselling, mental health care, dental care, positive parenting and relationship strengthening programs.
- Enhancements will allow delivery of Opioid Treatment Program as well as community-based withdrawal management.

Social Futures

Singleton
Hunter New England LHD

- A Hub tailored to meet the needs of people affected by AOD living in rural and regional areas.
- In partnership with Hunter New England LHD, Youth Express, Singleton Family support, Singleton Neighbourhood Centre, Hunter Community legal Centre, Upper Hunter Community Services and Carries Place.
- A Hub in Singleton will support local and surrounding communities including Muswellbrook, Cessnock, Kurri Kurri and Maitland. Providing care navigation, clinical AOD care, and AOD counselling with support available from Aboriginal and peer workers. The Hub will offer services specifically for pregnant women, parents with young children and young people.

St Vincent de Paul Society NSW

Armidale
Hunter New England LHD

- A Hub tailored to meet the needs of people affected by AOD living in rural and regional areas, specifically for Aboriginal people, people with co-occurring mental health issues and people in contact with the criminal justice system.
- In partnership with Armajun Aboriginal Health Service.
- Providing AOD care, withdrawal support and addiction specialists, case management, primary care, peer, carer and support groups. The Hub will increase treatment access options by including outreach and having community transport and a driver on staff.

The Salvation Army

Wagga Wagga
Murrumbidgee LHD

- The Wagga Recovery Hub is tailored to meet the needs of people who are affected by AOD living in rural and regional areas, with services provided for people with co-occurring mental health issues, those who are at risk of homelessness, Aboriginal people, and people in contact with the criminal justice system.
- In partnership with St Vincent De Paul, Riverina Medical and Dental Aboriginal Organisation RivMed, Canberra Alliance for Harm Minimisation and Advocacy CAHMA, and NSW Users and AIDS Association NUAA, Stride Mental Health.
- Services include psychosocial interventions for AOD, homelessness support, mental health care, case management, AOD peer support groups, Aboriginal health care including an Aboriginal wellbeing worker, AOD Care Coordinators and peer workers. With outreach services to Ashmont, Tolland and Koorringal and online access also provided.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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