

Drug and alcohol treatment

Activity work plan

2022-23

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AOD (Alcohol and other drugs) sector improvement initiatives

Aim of activity

The aim of the activity is to implement improvement initiatives identified within the Tasmanian AOD Reform Agenda resulting in improved integration of community based AOD services and improved consumer access and service experience.

Description of activity

Activities being implemented in 2022-23 include:

1. AOD Reform Agenda implementation

- Continue to support the development of the AOD Reform Agenda Implementation Plan.
- Develop and deliver an AOD forum and education and training program to bring together GPs and the AOD sector.
- Continue work to reduce stigma and improve consumer representation.

2. AOD sector data sharing

Primary Health Tasmania will continue to work with the Tasmanian Department of Health and the Tasmanian Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Council to progress recommendations from the Sector Data Sharing Options Paper delivered to Primary Health Tasmania and the Tasmanian Department of Health in March 2022. This will include agreement on accepted recommendations and definition of resultant work program.

Mainstream treatment services

Aim of activity

The aim of the activity is to address identified gaps and local needs in community-based alcohol and other drug treatment interventions by commissioning a range of appropriate treatment services.

Description of activity

Primary Health Tasmania commissions two providers to deliver AOD treatment services.

Activities being implemented in 2022-23 include:

- Develop full evaluation and monitoring framework for the Alcohol and other drugs program which ensures effective capture of performance, efficacy, and outcome data.
- Undertake comprehensive service mapping to ensure alignment of services against the Primary Health Tasmania strategic objectives, Primary Health Network (PHN) national aims and create a targeted approach to the service/treatment needs of differing drugs of choice and/or acuity, with an aim to create differentiated service offerings whilst retaining coordination across the sector.

- Based on the outcome of the service mapping, undertake a limited approach to market for Alcohol and Other Drugs services commissioning for financial year 2022/23, and where identified; work with existing providers to redesign services. Primary Health Tasmania will work with identified providers to re-define service offerings and evaluation practices in line with current need, contemporary definition and best practice advances in treatment and support.
- Increased sector capacity, including increasing access to drug and alcohol treatments services in regional, rural and remote areas.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander treatment services

Aim of activity

The aim of the activity is to address identified gaps and local needs in community-based alcohol and other drug treatment interventions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across Tasmania by commissioning a range of appropriate treatment services.

Description of activity

Primary Health Tasmania commissions one provider to deliver AOD treatment services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Activities implemented in 2022-23 include:

- Development of a full Evaluation and Monitoring Framework for the Alcohol and Other Drugs program which ensures effective capture of performance, efficacy and outcome data.
- Comprehensive service mapping to ensure alignment of services against the Primary Health Tasmania strategic objectives, Primary Health Network (PHN) national aims and create a targeted approach to the service/treatment needs of differing drugs of choice and/or acuity, with an aim to create differentiated service offerings whilst retaining coordination across the sector.
- Establish connections with mainstream alcohol and drug services and Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations to explore a collaborative hybrid service model to increase service availability for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- Work with Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations to increase sector capacity and connection with mainstream AOD providers.
- Undertake approach to market or alternate commissioning process (as determined by market feedback).

Addressing stigma

Aim of activity

The aim of the activity is to address AOD stigma in Tasmania.

Description of activity

Primary Health Tasmania has commissioned the Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs Council Tasmania (ATDC) to deliver a number of activities to address AOD stigma in Tasmania.

A Tasmanian anti-stigma Communications Charter was developed in partnership with the Tasmanian Government and key Tasmanian media organisations.

Primary Health Tasmania will support the launch of the AOD Communications Charter in 2022-23.

Improving consumer engagement

Aim of activity

The aim of the activity is to improve provider capability to engage with consumers, and improve consumer participation in the AOD sector.

Description of activity

Primary Health Tasmania has commissioned the Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs Council Tasmania (ATDC) to deliver a number of activities to improve provider capability to engage with consumers and improve consumer participation in the AOD sector.

In 2022-23, Primary Health Tasmania will coordinate an AOD consumer committee to support AOD Reform Agenda key action - Establish a funded AOD consumer organisation in Tasmania.