

Our activity work plan for 2025-26 - drug and alcohol treatment

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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

The activities outlined below are planned to be implemented during 2025-26.

- Maintain currency of HealthPathways.
- Collaborate with the state alcohol and drug services on the AOD reform agenda priorities, including:
 - development of a GP training program in Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Framework
 - provide training to GPs working with people who experience AOD use
 - development of a collaborative commissioning approach for the funding of AOD services in Tasmania
 - support the development of an AOD workforce development strategy
 - support the development of an AOD service delivery framework.
- Support the 'Continuing Care: Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug (ATOD) Treatment for People In, Entering and Exiting Secure Facilities in Tasmania' project through membership on the steering committee and working groups of the project.
- Maintain regular contact with peak bodies.
- Ongoing liaison and collaboration with key stakeholders.
- As part of Primary Health Tasmania's Mental Health Continuum of Care activity within the Primary Mental Health Care program, this activity will aim to improve integration of Primary Health Tasmania's funded services between AOD and mental health commissioned service providers.

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

The activities outlined below are planned to be implemented during 2025-26.

- Continued commissioning, contract management and performance monitoring of AOD mainstream treatment services.
- Review the effectiveness of commissioned alcohol and other drugs providers, assess gaps between current and ideal service delivery, and explore opportunities for improvement or redesign of service model based on findings.
- Explore drug and alcohol service co-commissioning with the Department of Health, Tasmania.

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

The activities outlined below are planned to be implemented during 2025-26.

- Continue to progress commissioning activities, in light of changes to previous providers and extension to PHN funding agreement.
- Continue engagement with Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs) to address market factors, with a focus on and implementing workforce capacity building and quality improvement activities with ACCHOs to enhance market capability to deliver services, including through potential integrated partnerships with mainstream providers.
- Finalise the commissioning process including evidence-informed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander drug and alcohol treatment model/s.
- Review mainstream commissioned provider requirements for culturally appropriate care within all of the AOD and mental health commissioning.
- Continue the Deadly Choices initiative. This initiative is delivered state-wide and aims to empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to make healthy choices for themselves and their families, focusing on chronic disease and their risk factors such as nutrition, physical activity, smoking and use of harmful substances. Deadly Choices encourages participants to access their local health service and complete an annual '715' health assessment.
- Engage in capacity building discussion and activity with ACCHOs to build readiness to deliver services either directly or in partnership with mainstream providers.
- Work collaboratively with state funded AOD service to support service delivery to remote Aboriginal communities in Tasmania.
- Commission a drug and alcohol treatment service to enhance access to services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.