

Our activity work plan for 2023-26 - 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 2023-26.

- 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.

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 2023-26.

- Continued commissioning, contract management and performance monitoring of AOD mainstream treatment services.
- Continue to codesign the service specification including evaluation framework with the drug and alcohol sector.
- 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 2023-26.

- 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.
- Contract management and performance monitoring of the AOD Indigenous services.
- 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.
- Consult with the Tasmanian ACCHOs to understand community need and identify community readiness to participate in the development of a culturally appropriate model of care.
- Primary Health Tasmania will 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.