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Drug and Alcohol Treatment Activity Work Plan 2019-2022: Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services Funding

Australian Capital Territory PHN

1. (a) Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services planned activities for the funding period 2019-20 to 2021-22

- Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services – Core Funding
- Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services – NIAS Mainstream Funding
- Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services – NIAS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people Funding

Proposed Activities	
ACTIVITY TITLE	AOD 1 Specialist AOD counselling services and case management
PHN Program Key Priority Area	Alcohol and Other Drugs
Needs Assessment Priority	5.1 Timely access to AOD services to enable more effective treatment 5.2: High rates of AOD related issues amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons, page 15
Description of Activity	<p>Primary objectives of AOD treatment are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reduce the client’s level of substance use • To reduce the client’s experience of AOD related harm • To build the client’s capacity to better understand and manage their own health and wellbeing. <p>Achieving these objectives is largely associated with more positive outcomes and sustained reductions in AOD related harms and use. Long-term treatment success is more common with longer treatment duration and associated with the more intensive structured treatment modalities (e.g. counselling).</p> <p>To deliver this activity, ACTPHN has commissioned a range of service providers to deliver counselling and case management services across the ACT PHN including the triage and comprehensive alcohol, tobacco, and other drug assessments and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health screening • Brief intervention • Suicide risk assessment • Screening for family violence • Individual treatment plans • Routine use of validate screening measures • Evidence based psychological interventions <p>In addition to commissioning specialist AOD counselling services, there is a need to ensure that these mainstream services are culturally appropriate and accessible for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. By funding identified Aboriginal AOD worker roles, it is anticipated that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients will be supported to access culturally safe and appropriate mainstream services and will be more likely to remain in treatment. Support includes:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accompanying clients to appointments and in accessing other services • Advocating for clients' health care needs • Supporting positive engagement and communication between client and provider • Ensuring cross-cultural understanding of treatment options • Facilitating access to other AOD support services <p>All AOD provider contracts will be reviewed after 12 months.</p>
Target population cohort	<p>Members of the community experiencing moderate to severe substance use issues, requiring specialist AOD treatment services, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adults ○ Young people (12 to 25) ○ Youth and adults involved in the justice system ○ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
Indigenous specific	<p>Yes</p> <p>The funding of identified Indigenous AOD worker roles within mainstream services provides access to culturally safe and appropriate services for Indigenous clients in mainstream settings. The identified positions undertake extensive engagement with the Indigenous community and Indigenous specific services to facilitate referral pathways and increased access to appropriate services for indigenous clients.</p>
Coverage	ACT PHN region
Consultation	<p>Extensive consultation with the ACT AOD Sector, the ACT AOD Peak Body and the ACT Health AOD Policy Unit has been undertaken throughout the needs assessment, development and procurement phases of this activity. The Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug Association (ATODA) was commissioned by ACT PHN to complete an independent needs assessment to inform the development of priority areas and identification of procurement activities in the ACT. Several consultation sessions were held with the AOD sector in the lead up to procurement activities being undertaken. These consultation sessions included endorsement of the proposed priority areas and procurement activities.</p>
Collaboration	ACT PHN has worked collaboratively with ATODA and ACT Health to engage with the AOD sector and identify priority areas and procurement activities.
Activity milestone details/ Duration	<p>Activity start date: 1/07/2017</p> <p>Activity end date: 30/06/2020</p> <p>Service delivery start date: July 2019</p> <p>Service delivery end date: June 2020</p>
Commissioning method and approach to market	<p>1. Please identify your intended procurement approach for commissioning services under this activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Not yet known <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuing service provider / contract extension <input type="checkbox"/> Direct engagement. If selecting this option, provide justification for direct engagement, and if applicable, the length of time the commissioned provider has provided this service, and their performance to date. <input type="checkbox"/> Open tender <input type="checkbox"/> Expression of Interest (EOI) <input type="checkbox"/> Other approach (please provide details)

	<p>2a. Is this activity being co-designed? Yes</p> <p>2b. Is this activity this result of a previous co-design process? No</p> <p>3a. Do you plan to implement this activity using co-commissioning or joint-commissioning arrangements? No</p> <p>3b. Has this activity previously been co-commissioned or joint-commissioned? No</p>
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ACTIVITY TITLE	AOD 2 Targeted community-based AOD services
PHN Program Key Priority Area	Alcohol and Other Drugs
Needs Assessment Priority	5.1 Timely access to AOD services to enable more effective treatment 5.2: High rates of AOD related issues amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons, page 15
Description of Activity	<p>ACT PHN has commissioned a range of community-based providers to deliver targeted services including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialist alcohol and other drug case management services via assertive outreach • Non-residential day program that supports clients to develop skills and strategies to abstain from substance use • Peer treatment support services • Primary and secondary health care services to people whose health is impacted by alcohol and other drug use • Treatment that reduces drug related harm and improve social functioning for women affected by drug and alcohol use. <p>These services will be continued for 12 months and then reviewed to ensure they are meeting community need and providing targeted services. After the 12 month review, it is expected that contracts will either be extended or new services will be co-designed and commissioned through an open tender process.</p>
Target population cohort	<p>Members of the community experiencing moderate to severe substance use issues, requiring specialist AOD treatment services, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adults ○ Young people (12 to 25) ○ Youth and adults involved in the justice system <p>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people</p>
Indigenous specific	No
Coverage	ACT PHN region
Consultation	Extensive consultation with the ACT AOD Sector, the ACT AOD Peak Body, the ACT Health AOD Policy Unit and ACT Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services was undertaken throughout the identification and prioritisation of needs. ACT PHN and our funded service provider organisation will continue

	to engage with stakeholders in the implementation and review of Indigenous specific services.
Collaboration	ACT PHN collaborates with our service providers and the wider AOD sector in the ACT to deliver this activity.
Activity milestone details/ Duration	Activity start date: 1/06/2017 Activity end date: 30/06/2022 Service delivery start date: July 2019 Service delivery end date: June 2022
Commissioning method and approach to market	<p>1. Please identify your intended procurement approach for commissioning services under this activity:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not yet known</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuing service provider / contract extension</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Direct engagement. If selecting this option, provide justification for direct engagement, and if applicable, the length of time the commissioned provider has provided this service, and their performance to date.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Open tender</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Expression of Interest (EOI)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other approach (please provide details)</p> <p>2a. Is this activity being co-designed? No</p> <p>2b. Is this activity this result of a previous co-design process? No</p> <p>3a. Do you plan to implement this activity using co-commissioning or joint-commissioning arrangements? No</p> <p>3b. Has this activity previously been co-commissioned or joint-commissioned? No</p>

ACTIVITY TITLE	AOD 3 Specialist drug and alcohol treatment services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
PHN Program Key Priority Area	Alcohol and Other Drugs
Needs Assessment Priority	2.3: Access to culturally appropriate AOD services and resources for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in the ACT, page 7
Description of Activity	<p>A significant proportion of the population in mainstream drug and alcohol services in the ACT identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. The ACT PHN needs assessment has identified the need for culturally appropriate mainstream services.</p> <p>ACT PHN funds a mainstream drug and alcohol service, with extensive experience in delivering culturally appropriate care to Indigenous clients. These services have a focus on the provision of culturally appropriate case management for people waiting for residential rehabilitation services and people exiting residential services that require ongoing case management support. The service increases access to appropriate specialist counselling services and other interventions that may be required.</p>

Target population cohort	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the ACT
Indigenous specific	Yes The identified positions undertake extensive engagement with the Indigenous community and Indigenous specific services to facilitate referral pathways and increased access to appropriate services for indigenous clients.
Coverage	ACT PHN region
Consultation	Extensive consultation with the ACT AOD Sector, the ACT AOD Peak Body, the ACT Health AOD Policy Unit and ACT Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services was undertaken throughout the identification and prioritisation of needs. ACT PHN and the funded service provider organisations will continue to engage with stakeholders in the implementation and review of Indigenous specific services.
Collaboration	The service provider organisation will work collaboratively with local Aboriginal Controlled Community Health Services and specialist drug and alcohol services on this Indigenous specific activity.
Activity milestone details/ Duration	Activity start date: 1/06/2018 Activity end date: 30/06/2020 Service delivery start date: July 2019 Service delivery end date: June 2020
Commissioning method and approach to market	<p>1. Please identify your intended procurement approach for commissioning services under this activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Not yet known <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuing service provider / contract extension <input type="checkbox"/> Direct engagement. If selecting this option, provide justification for direct engagement, and if applicable, the length of time the commissioned provider has provided this service, and their performance to date. <input type="checkbox"/> Open tender <input type="checkbox"/> Expression of Interest (EOI) <input type="checkbox"/> Other approach (please provide details) <p>2a. Is this activity being co-designed? No</p> <p>2b. Is this activity this result of a previous co-design process? No</p> <p>3a. Do you plan to implement this activity using co-commissioning or joint-commissioning arrangements? No</p> <p>3b. Has this activity previously been co-commissioned or joint-commissioned? No</p>