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Funding Boost for Integrated Mental Health & Drug & Alcohol Treatment Services

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WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) has invested in 15 new services across the metropolitan area to help people struggling with addiction to alcohol, ice and other drugs and associated mental health issues.

WAPHA, in response to the recommendations of the Federal Government's National Ice Taskforce, has commissioned new, evidence based services that are tailored to meet people's individual needs at different stages of their treatment journey.

WAPHA General Manager, Bernadette Kenny, said investment in the new services will make a real difference on the ground to people trying to regain control of their lives and break the cycle of dependence.

"These new services will support some of our most vulnerable community members to access programs & treatment that will enable their recovery," Ms Kenny said.

"We will work with GPs and the wider health and social sectors to improve access to much needed services that respond to a person's changing needs."

Services will be integrated with primary healthcare services already being derived across metropolitan WA, with an emphasis on improving care co-ordination at the local level.

Ms Kenny said the newly commissioned services have been co-designed with consumers, providers and the broader alcohol, drug and mental health sectors to ensure the delivery of high quality, safe services that meet the needs of local communities.

"We recognise that no one provider holds all the answers. We want to build on the strengths of existing organisations and implement more effective ways of working together across traditional boundaries," Ms Kenny said.

"We are excited to be working in genuine partnership with a range of capable organisations ready to drive the development of solutions to achieve better health and better care in our region."



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The new services will focus on early intervention and will include culturally appropriate, indigenous specific services.

Ms Kenny said WAPHA's investment was not just about delivering more mental health and alcohol and drug treatment services, but to improve pathways between those that already exist.

"It is also important to use this funding in a way that increases the capacity of local service providers to better respond to people with alcohol and drug and mental health related issues," Ms Kenny said.

WAPHA's commissioning activities are continuing with more services to be announced soon.

Initiatives include:

Organisation/s	Initiative
1. Richmond Wellbeing and Relationships Australia	Integrated System of Care to support Aboriginal people with problematic alcohol and drug use and mental illness.
2. NEAMI Ltd and Richmond Wellbeing	Integrated System of Care to address problematic alcohol and drug use and mental illness.
3. South Metro Area Health Service (Fiona Stanley Hospital) and National Drug Research Institute	Alcohol Screening and Brief Intervention. In partnership with South Metro Community Alcohol and Drug Service (Palmerston Association).
4. Health Consumers Council	Enhancing engagement of alcohol and drug service consumers.
5. Swan City Youth Service and Aboriginal Alcohol and Drug Service	Development of a youth collaborative care model in partnership with Mission Australia.
6. Edith Cowan University	Primary Mental Health Care - Better together: Supporting perinatal and infant mental health services



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7. Edith Cowan University	Alcohol and other drug workforce capacity building for primary care practitioners
8. MercyCare	Aboriginal Mental Health and Alcohol and other Drug Capacity Building Trial
9. WA Network of Alcohol and Drug Agencies and WA Association of Mental Health	Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Workforce Capacity Building and Engagement.
10. Consulting Services	Primary care business model to increase and enhance mental health, alcohol and other drug service delivery in general practice.
11. Relationships Australia	National Empowerment Project - Aboriginal Social and Emotional Wellbeing
12. Shire of Murray and Shire of Waroona	Youth South – Waroona Murray Engaging with Aboriginal young people in the Shire of Murray and the Shire of Waroona to enhance social and emotional well-being to address mental health issues.
13. Richmond Wellbeing	In conjunction with Muggin Aboriginal Corp. the project is to build and expand on the Mooditj Kaart Program utilising the Aboriginal Mental Health First Aid course as a tool to engage with the Aboriginal community in Armadale area.
14. Pheonix Advocacy and Support Service	The Pheonix Trauma Transformation Trial – The Trial is a 12-month program trial that includes a range of therapeutic strategies that are evidence-based and embedded in trauma-informed practice
15. Koondoola Integrated Services Centre at Warwick Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service	Resettlement Health Passport



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About WAPHA

WAPHA oversees the strategic commissioning functions of the Perth North, Perth South and Country WA Primary Health Networks (PHNs). The WA PHNs are three of 31 PHNs established by the Australian Government nationally to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of medical services for the community. We work across the WA healthcare system with doctors, allied health professionals, Area Health Services and service providers to improve the coordination of care for people who are at risk of poor health outcomes. Visit www.wapha.org.au for more information.

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