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WAPHA welcomes funding extension for alcohol and drug treatment services

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WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) welcomes the Commonwealth Government's decision to continue funding alcohol and drug treatment services.

The Health Minister, Greg Hunt, has approved the transfer of funding for organisations providing local level treatment services to Primary Health Networks from 1 July 2017.

Peak bodies will continue to receive funding, to ensure they continue to play an important part in supporting drug and alcohol treatment services through workforce support and capacity building activities.

WAPHA chief executive Leanne Durrington said that this funding provides certainty to the sector for an additional two years which will enable alignment to current PHN commissioning timelines.

"WAPHA is delighted to know there is assurance for service providers and the opportunity to collaborate with WAPHA in planning for accessible alcohol and other drug treatment services," Ms Durrington said.

"In addition, this enables the alignment of this funding stream with the National Ice Action Strategy drug and alcohol funding."

"These changes will increase the availability of drug and alcohol treatment services for communities and individuals, but will also provide a platform for a more sustainable drug and alcohol treatment sector in the future."

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- WA Primary Health Alliance operates WA's three Primary Health Networks; Perth South, Perth North and Country WA

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