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\$20 million for new Alcohol and Other Drug treatment services in WA

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WA's three Primary Health Networks (PHNs) – Perth North, Perth South and Country WA - welcome the Federal Government's announcement of \$20 million over three years for new Alcohol and Other Drug treatment services in WA.

The funding announcement by Justice Minister Michael Keenan is part of the Coalition's response to the National Ice Taskforce report, handed down last December.

WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) Mental Health general manager Dr Daniel Rock said WA's three PHNs, operated by WAPHA, will undertake considerable and considered work in the planning phase to ensure treatment services are delivered where there is need.

"We will work closely with the WA Mental Health Commission and WA Network of Alcohol and Other Drug Agencies - the peak body representing the sector – to ensure there is a collaborative approach to delivering these new services and to ensure there is no duplication of services," Dr Rock said.

"Our decision making must be knowledge-led and local by design."

Dr Rock said in line with Commonwealth requirements the funding will be targeted to increase the service delivery capacity of the drug and alcohol treatment sector through the commissioning of additional treatment services to target areas of need and improve the effectiveness of drug and alcohol treatment services for individuals.

"Through today's funding announcement, the WA Primary Health Alliance and its PHNs are committed to ensuring this money supports region specific approaches to drug and alcohol treatment services," Dr Rock said.

"We will also ensure it supports evidence based treatment, promotes linkages with broader health services, ensures culturally appropriate treatment services for Indigenous Australians, and promote quality improvement approaches."

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