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Local Drug Action Teams to strengthen drug prevention activities

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WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) welcomes the Federal Government's announcement to establish Local Drug Action Teams to strengthen drug prevention activities and reduce demand for drugs such as ice.

Federal Health Minister Susan Ley today announced \$19.2 million for the Alcohol and Drug Foundation (formerly the Australian Drug Foundation) to administer the community-based action teams.

WAPHA chief executive officer Leanne Durrington said today's announcement supported WAPHA and its Primary Health Networks' commissioning approach for alcohol and other drugs and primary mental health care.

"WAPHA aims to increase the capacity within Western Australia to provide drug and alcohol treatment services and facilitate easier access and better pathways to the right treatment to suit a person's needs," Ms Durrington said.

"Commissioning will promote more joined up services, wider access and holistic responses, as well as respond to the increased demand for services."

Ms Durrington said the Local Drug Action Teams encouraged community-driven action to reduce demand for drugs such as ice and reduce the harm associated with alcohol and other drugs more broadly.

Local councils, schools, police, youth services, primary health and treatment services, community groups, non-government organisations (NGOs) and community members are eligible to be members of a Local Drug Action Team.

Applications for communities wishing to form a local team open today (23 December 2016) and will close on 8 February 2017.

Interested groups and individuals can find more information on the program on the [Alcohol and Drug Foundation's website](#).

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