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## Mental Health industry briefing

20 November 2015

The Commonwealth Government recently announced its response to the Review of National Mental Health Services and Programmes.

WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) welcomes the Government's response, which endorses the Review's immediate priorities for action to deliver better outcomes for people who need mental health supports and programmes.

The Government response recognises the critical role Primary Health Networks (PHNs) will have as planners, needs assessors and integrators within Australia's primary mental health care system.

WAPHA appreciates that there will be questions in respect to this reform and its impact on the services and programmes currently delivered by affected organisation in Western Australia.

An industry briefing session has been arranged in collaboration with WA Association for Mental Health to inform relevant organisations of the practical implications of the Commonwealth response.

There will also be an update and response to questions on the transition and implementation processes for the new funding arrangements.

WAPHA will provide attendees with an overview of the Government response to the Review and the role of PHNs in planning and identifying community needs and facilitating the delivery of locally responsive programmes and services.

**Date:** Friday, 18 December 2015

**Time:** 8.30am – 9.30am

**Venue:** WA Primary Health Alliance, 2-5, 7 Tanunda Drive, Rivervale

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