

# Early Psychosis Youth Service announced for Perth South region

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**Ruah Community Services (Ruah) will be delivering an Early Psychosis Youth Service – Functional Recovery (EPYS) in the Perth South region for young people aged 12 to 25 years.**

The EPYS will provide personalised recovery support, recognising that young peoples' self-determination is a vital part of successful treatment and recovery.

Ruah will be working closely with other local service providers, including headspace centres, to complement existing youth mental health services and enable the delivery of seamless, coordinated care to those experiencing psychosis.

Funding of \$2.5 million was awarded by WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) to Ruah Community Services, who have begun preparations to launch the service, expected to be available from May this year.

The service will be based in Cockburn, but will be available for youth throughout the region via outreach.

The service will be developed using the Early Psychosis Prevention and Intervention Centre (EPPIC) standards and principles, relating to non-Government service delivery in a shared care environment with state mental health services.

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