

# Service Provider Connect



*WA Primary Health Alliance acknowledges and pays respect to the Traditional Owners and Elders of this country and recognises the significant importance of their cultural heritage, values and beliefs and how these contribute to the positive health and wellbeing of the whole community.*



## Service Provider Connect Edition #79

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## **Dear Commissioned Service Provider**

Over the upcoming weeks we will provide more information related to procurement and commissioning activities to occur in 2022-23. These activities are across a range of program areas including:

- Mental Health
- Aged Care, and
- Chronic Conditions

The activities in mental health specifically include expansion of the Head to Health footprint here in Western Australia, and a number of suicide prevention activities, amongst others.

In parallel to this, you will be aware recently that the Australian and West Australian Governments entered into a [Bilateral National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Agreement](#). This commits both parties to implementation of agreed activities to 2025-26. This is an important agreement that will deliver tangible benefits to our communities, and strengthen governance arrangements across agencies (including with WA Primary Health Alliance),

and commitment to joint regional planning initiatives. The link to this document can be found [here](#).

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Regards,

Mark Cockayne

General Manager Commissioned Services

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## **COVID-19 resources and information**

[QUICK LINKS to the latest WA Health COVID-19 data and guidance](#)

WA Health COVID-19 data and surveillance links:

- [WA COVID-19 daily media releases](#)
- [WA Health COVID-19 Weekly surveillance report](#)
- [WA COVID-19 Cases Dashboard](#)
- [WA Government COVID-19: Vaccine Dashboard](#)

WA Government guidance:

- WA Health [COVID-19 information for health professionals](#)
- WA Health [COVID-19 information for aged care and community care providers](#)

WA Government [COVID-19: What you can and can't do](#)

### **Updated WA public health measures**

Following the latest public health advice, the WA Government has issued the following update:

- Mask mandate on public and passenger transport to ease;
- This includes all interstate and intrastate aircraft, public transport and rideshare;

- Mask wearing still required in high-risk settings such as hospitals, prisons, aged and disability care facilities, with masks still encouraged to be worn in crowded indoor settings where people are unable to physically distance.

These changes came into effect from Friday 9 September 2022.

Read the full media statement [here](#).

### **Fourth Dose**

An additional booster, or fourth dose, is recommended for people at increased risk of severe illness. You should get a fourth dose if you are:

- 50 years or older
- 16 years or older and a resident of an aged care or disability care facility
- 16 years or older and severely immunocompromised
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and aged 50 years and older
- 16 years or older with a medical condition that increases the risk of severe COVID-19 illness
- 16 years or older with a disability

Vaccines can be [booked](#) 3 months after your last dose or COVID-19 infection.

Further information can be found [here](#).

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## **General resources and information**

### **WAPHA Commissioning Tender Notification**

#### **Current Tender Notification**

The WA Primary Health Alliance is pleased to advise that the following Request for Tender has been released.

Request for Tender: RFT 2022-1 Care Finder Service for Senior Australians who require specialist and intensive assistance to understand and access aged care and connect with other relevant supports in the community

The Care Finder Service aims to:

- provide specialist and intensive assistance to help people to understand and access aged care and connect with other relevant supports in the community
- specifically target people who have one or more reasons for requiring intensive support to interact with My Aged Care (either through the website, contact centre or face-to-face in Services Australia service centres), access aged care services and/or access other relevant supports in the community

The suite of tender documents for RFT2022-1 is located through <https://www.wapha.org.au/tender/>

#### Details of the tender

Request for Tender Category: Aged Care

Request for Tender Opening Date: 08/09/2022 10:00AM AWST

*Please note that the website link will not be live before this time.*

Request for Tender Closing Date: 06/10/2022 2.00PM AWST

Communications Closing Date: 06/10/2022 2.00PM AWST

PHN Coverage: Perth North, Perth South and Country WA

#### **Tender Notification**

Service providers that wish to be notified of the WAPHA tenders, and any other open market opportunities, please register at the email link [here](#).

#### **Peel Mental Health Service Directory Release**

Service providers and clinicians can now benefit from the release of the Peel Mental Health Service Directory. The resource provides an easy way to see all the available mental health, alcohol and other drug, and psychosocial support services in the Peel region. The directory contains over 150 listings of services delivered primarily in the Mandurah, Waroona and Murray areas.

To access the Peel Mental Health Service Directory please download the latest version [here](#). Information is updated nightly, so it is important to download the latest version of the PDF via the online link regularly.

The directory can be used to navigate people through services and guide referrals. It has been created with members of the services sub-group of the Peel Mental Health Taskforce. Information on the Taskforce can be found [here](#). The service directory has been initially launched to service providers and clinicians. A public launch will coincide with a model of care at a later date.

For further information please contact Simone Kerrigan at [simone.kerrigan@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:simone.kerrigan@health.wa.gov.au).

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## Aboriginal health service information

### Regional Regional Aboriginal Leadership Development Scholarships

Leadership WA have opened the following Regional Aboriginal Leadership Scholarships for creating positive outcomes for regional Aboriginal communities:

- Aboriginal people working in and for regional WA
- Aboriginal people working in metro Perth but their work impacts Aboriginal people in regional WA
- Non-Aboriginal people working in and for regional WA for Aboriginal organisations.

To find out more or to apply, visit Leadership WA website [here](#).

### Australian Institute of Health and Welfare: Indigenous health checks and follow-ups report

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people can receive an annual health check, designed specifically for Indigenous Australians and funded through Medicare (Department of Health 2021). Indigenous Australians, as a group, experience unique health risks and aim of the Indigenous specific health check is to encourage early detection and treatment of common conditions that cause ill health and early death – for example, diabetes and heart disease.

During the health check, a doctor – or a multidisciplinary team led by a doctor – will assess a person’s physical, psychological and social wellbeing (Department of Health 2021). The doctor can then provide the person with information, advice, and care to maintain and improve their health.

The report can be found [here](#).

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## Mental health service information

## WA Joint Services Planning and Governance Committee

As a member of the WA Joint Services Planning and Governance Committee, WAPHA CEO, Learne Durrington joined WA Mental Health Commissioner, Jen McGrath, and Mark Rodham, First Assistant Secretary – Mental Health Division, Australian Department of Health and Aged Care for their first committee meeting 31 August.

Initially, the committee will meet every six weeks to:

- provide high-level leadership regarding local system planning to contribute to reform of the mental health, alcohol and other drug system in Western Australia.
- provide guidance to enable WAPHA and MHC to make informed decisions that meet the needs of local communities and ensure alignment and integration with Commonwealth and state-based services.

The Mental Health Commission and the Australian Department of Health and Aged Care have joint accountability to ensure the continued operation of the Committee for the duration of the Bilateral Schedule.

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## Webinars, events, education and training

- Creating Compassionate Communities – changing one mind and one heart at a time. Conference information and program can be found [here](#). The link to the registration website can be found [here](#).
- Supporting people at work after pregnancy. Information on how workplaces can be inclusive of women, and people of all genders, who have experienced pregnancy loss can be found [here](#).
- Suicide Prevention Guidelines for LGBTQA+ Young People. The following resources can be accessed:
  - best practice guidelines for the Prevention of suicide in LGBTQA+ young people with clinical and community service settings can be found [here](#).
  - brief guide to assist service providers to incorporate the guidelines into their practice can be found [here](#). An interactive webinar is being held where the guidelines will be launched.
  - Registration to the webinar can be found [here](#).
- SANE service referrals webinar. Registrations for the event can be found [here](#).
- Separating fact from fiction: the evolving clinical challenge of Long Covid. The webinar details can be found [here](#).
- Palliative Care evening for all Health Professionals in Carnarvon. The registration details can be found [here](#).

- Sexual Health Update – Clinical and Public Management of Syphilis in Western Australia. Further details and registration link can be found [here](#).
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## Policies and Procedures

Commissioned service providers can access WA Primary Health Alliance policies and procedures that your organisation is expected to comply with in one location [here](#). Also, Notifiable Incident Reports are lodged via this webpage.

This webpage is password protected to prevent the submission of unsolicited messages and notifiable incident reports. Please email your Contract Manager to request access and the password if you do not have it already. Our expectation is that all commissioned service providers have access to the webpage.

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