



# WA Primary Health Alliance PHN National Suicide Prevention Trial Sites Country WA 2024/25 - 2027/28 Activity Summary View

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## Activity Metadata

### Applicable Schedule

Primary Mental Health Care - Country WA

### Activity Prefix

NSPT

### Activity Number

1000

### Activity Title

NSPT 1000 - National Suicide Prevention Activities - Kimberley

### Existing, Modified or New Activity

Existing



## Activity Priorities and Description

### Program Key Priority Area

Mental Health Priority Area 5: Community based suicide prevention activities

### Aim of Activity

To implement local suicide prevention activities in accordance with the Department of Health and Aged Care 'Building on the work of the National Suicide Prevention Trial' guidance, whilst also addressing the needs of the local regional and remote communities within the Kimberley region.

The remaining activities being delivered with these funds support the continuation and enhancement of essential suicide prevention and awareness activities that target Aboriginal people, all of whom are at high-risk of suicide. All activities are informed by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Evaluation Project (ATSISPEP) Framework as a tool for decision making, to support community driven suicide prevention initiatives.

### Description of Activity

Kimberley Suicide Prevention Service Leadership and Coordination – Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Service (KAMS)

Project Coordination which is taken in accordance with work plans recommended by the Aboriginal Regional Governance Group (ARGG).

Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers (CLO) - KAMS

This activity has enabled community representatives to work with key stakeholders to inform community led responses to suicide prevention.

#### Cultural Wellbeing Activities - KAMS

Cultural wellbeing activities foster a supportive and respectful environment for people to heal, share experiences, and support one another. KAMS Suicide Prevention employees and services (including CLO's) will arrange sub-regional on-Country camps to encourage Cultural Wellbeing activities and support the continuation of current cultural wellbeing activities.

#### Media Project – Wellbeing Campaign – KAMS

A media campaign promoting positive health and wellbeing enables people to increase control over their health and prevents the development of self-harm and suicidal behaviours. This may include public awareness campaigns and community-wide education programs with positive, strengths-based language.

#### Yirriman Women Leading Traditional Healing Practices (Jalngangurru) - Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Cultural Centre (KALACC)

The traditional healers model incorporates the use of western medicine and culturally sensitive traditional healing methods. This service develops practical community driven ways in which traditional, evidenced based healing practices can be accessed, for persons presenting with social and emotional wellbeing concerns.

#### Empowered Young Leaders Project – KAMS

This activity enables young people to work with key stakeholders to inform a strategy for youth mental health in the region. It aims to support the implementation of recommendations from the 2019 Empowered Young Leaders (EPL) Report from young emerging Kimberley Aboriginal leaders. The focus of the initiative for young leaders is:

- Strengths Based - need to move away from continuing to focus on suicide and problems, towards building on strengths and solutions – creating a new and different future whilst acknowledging the past. Changing the story about Aboriginal young people. This includes the story young people have about themselves and the dominant discourse in the wider community.
- Empowerment – ensuring that the project activities invest in and support the Kimberley young leaders to be able to take action. Ideas like ensuring they can walk away with resources, media and communication tools for their own communities.

The EYL project will use participatory action-based research methods and will be comprehensively monitored and evaluated.

This project will end June 2025.

#### Transitioning the activity

WA Primary Health Alliance is working with Department of Health, Disability and Ageing to consider options for funding the Yirriman Women Leading Traditional Healing Practices (Jalngangurru) and some of the activities delivered by KAMS.

### Needs Assessment Priorities

#### Needs Assessment

WAPHA Needs Assessment 2025-2027

#### Priorities

Priority	Page reference
Enable access to culturally appropriate mental health and early intervention suicide prevention services and support primary health care providers in identifying people at risk (Kimberley).	49



## Activity Demographics

### Target Population Cohort

Aboriginal communities.

### Indigenous Specific

Yes

### Indigenous Specific Comments

These services are directly targeting Aboriginal people both as clients and as workers, especially in the more remote Aboriginal communities. The Governance has been led by Aboriginal agency representatives using specific Aboriginal Evaluation principles to guide service design, practice and reporting.

### Coverage

#### Whole Region

No

SA3 Name	SA3 Code
Kimberley	51001



## Activity Consultation and Collaboration

### Consultation

State Government agencies and non-government-organisations have been active participants in the governance of the trial. Those organisations include:

- Mental Health Commission
- WA Department of Health
- headspace
- WA Department of the Premier and Cabinet
- Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing.
- Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services
- Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Cultural Centre
- Edith Cowan University – Centre for Best Practice
- Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations
- Department of Communities

### Collaboration

- Waringarri Arts Centre
- Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services
- Mental Health Commission
- Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Cultural Centre



## Activity Milestone Details/Duration

### Activity Start Date

31/12/2016

### Activity End Date

29/06/2025

### Service Delivery Start Date

01/01/2017

### Service Delivery End Date

30/09/2025

### Other Relevant Milestones

Activity Work Plans	Due 30/04/25
12-month performance report	Due 30/09/25
Financial Acquittal Report	Due 30/09/25
Final Report	Due 30/09/25



## Activity Commissioning

Please identify your intended procurement approach for commissioning services under this activity:

**Not Yet Known:** No

**Continuing Service Provider / Contract Extension:** Yes

**Direct Engagement:** No

**Open Tender:** No

**Expression Of Interest (EOI):** No

**Other Approach (please provide details):** No

**Is this activity being co-designed?**

Yes

**Is this activity the result of a previous co-design process?**

Yes



## Activity Planned Expenditure

Funding Stream	FY 23 24	FY 24 25	FY 25 26	FY 26 27	FY 27 28	Total
National Suicide Prevention Trial Site Funding	\$1,138,276.27	\$686,257.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,824,533.54
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,138,276.27</b>	<b>\$686,257.27</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,824,533.54</b>