The Western Australian Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug Services Plan 2015-2025 (the Plan) sets the direction for mental health, alcohol and other drug service provision in Western Australia from 2015 to 2025. It outlines the Government’s expectations about the changes needed to build on, and enhance the improvements made in recent years.

Key priorities aim to achieve system-wide change to help the sectors meet the needs of Western Australians with mental health, alcohol and other drug problems and support their families and carers. A first of its kind for Western Australia, the Plan sets a bold and ambitious agenda to create a more connected, high quality, and person-centred system.

Forensic Services

The Plan outlines Government’s expectation that people in contact with the criminal justice system should receive mental health, alcohol and other drug services equivalent to services available to individuals in the community.

Intervening early can reduce criminalisation and community incidents leading to arrests, allowing forensic mental health services to reduce reoffending.

The Plan includes the creation of dedicated services for women and young people in the forensic system, and the continuation of the important alcohol and other drug, police and court diversion programs.

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The Plan at a glance

Note: The Plan articulates the overall intentions regarding service development and transformation of mental health, alcohol and other drug services over the next ten years. Exact locations and distributions of services as shown are subject to the Government’s fiscal capacity and approval through normal budgetary processes.

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Notes
1. MH = Mental health
2. AOD = Alcohol and other drug
3. All services are MH and AOD combined unless otherwise specified.
4. Hours of service (prevention and promotion, community treatment, specialised state-wide services and forensics): are the hours which the workers/staff are employed for, and include all duties such as “face-to-face” services with individuals, administration, training and other duties.

Key facts:
Internal modelling shows that approximately 65% of the juvenile and 59% of the adult prison population have mental health problems in Western Australia.

This compares to one in five Australians being affected by a mental health disorder each year (in the general population).
Forensic Services Actions

What are we doing right now?
- Progressing the Government’s 2013 election commitment to deliver mental health court diversion programs for adults and children

By 2017 to prepare for the future:
- Commence development of mental health, alcohol and other drug services in prisons
- Increase mental health community forensic treatment services, with a focus on in-reach services for police lock-ups, case management, and transition services for people moving from prison to the community
- Complete planning for a secure inpatient unit, to replace the forensic beds at Graylands Hospital

By 2020 to rebalance the system:
- Continue to develop mental health, alcohol and other drug treatment and support services in prisons
- Expand the Mental Health Court Diversion and Liaison program subject to the outcomes of the evaluation
- Expand alcohol and other drug diversion services in the community

By 2025 to continue the reform:
- Open a new secure forensic inpatient service
- Establish a specialised forensic community based clinic and programs for people with problem behaviours
- Further expand community alcohol and other drug diversion services
A summary of feedback will be available on the Mental Health Commission’s website. The final Plan will be published following consultation in the first half of 2015.