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.

Community Support Services

Community support services provide individuals with mental health, alcohol and other drug problems access to the help and support they need to participate in their community. These services include peer support, home in-reach, respite, recovery and harm reduction programs.

Over the next ten years the Plan outlines the further development of a high quality, personalised, effective and efficient community support service sector. These changes aim to provide individuals with support to create or rebuild satisfying lives, contributing to their community.

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### The Plan at a glance

**NORTHERN AND REMOTE**

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MH = Mental health  
AOD = Alcohol and other drug

**PERTH METROPOLITAN**

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**Note:** All services are MH and AOD combined unless otherwise specified.

**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.
By 2017
to prepare for the future:

- Double State provision of community support services, with a particular focus on youth and rural and remote areas
- Develop and expand local recovery services that offer assistance and support to individuals to maintain personal recovery and live well in the community
- Work with the Department of Child Protection and Family Support to establish youth-friendly, safe places for those with alcohol and other drug use problems in regional and remote areas
- In collaboration with key stakeholders, develop an accommodation strategy to address the housing needs of people with mental health, alcohol and other drug problems
- Establish new Transitional Housing and Support Program houses and commission in-reach treatment across metropolitan and rural areas

By 2020
to rebalance the system:

- Increase safe places for intoxicated people (also known as sobering up centres) in Fremantle, the Pilbara and for young people in the metropolitan area
- Commission support in the metropolitan area for people with alcohol and other drug problems in crisis accommodation
- Develop and commission personalised support services for people with alcohol and other drug problems
- Continue the expansion of the Transitional Housing and Support Program
- Expand mental health community support services across the State

By 2025
to continue the reform:

- Continue provision of housing and support through the Transitional Housing and Support Program
- Complete the expansion of community mental health support services across the State

What are we doing right now?

- Evaluating the Individualised Community Living Strategy to implement improvements
Community Support Services A TEN YEAR PLAN FOR CHANGE

Find out more
The Plan is now open for consultation until Sunday 15 March 2015 and can be downloaded and read in full on the Mental Health Commission’s website: www.mentalhealth.wa.gov.au

Consultation
Stakeholder forums will be taking place across Western Australia until mid-March 2015.
Consultation has already taken place as part of the development process of the Plan. The optimal mix of services described are based on national models for the mental health and the alcohol and other drug sectors. This consultation will focus on specific areas of the Plan to ensure we have identified any gaps, as well as how and when we deliver these services over the short, medium and long term.
Individuals are also invited to submit feedback and comments on the Plan through an easy to use web portal on the Mental Health Commission’s website.

More information
The Mental Health Commission’s website has more information on the Plan. Factsheets cover each of the seven service streams, regional information and detail on the gradual closure of Graylands.

Questions?
You can find responses to frequently asked questions on the Mental Health Commission’s website: www.mentalhealth.wa.gov.au
If you have difficulties accessing the Plan please email: plantechnicalsupport@mentalhealth.wa.gov.au

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.