Hospital Based Services
A TEN YEAR PLAN FOR CHANGE

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.

Hospital Based Services

Hospital based services include acute and subacute inpatient units, emergency departments, consultation liaison services, mental health observation areas and hospital in the home.

The development of public mental health inpatient units closer to local communities has been a priority, with additional beds in Rockingham, Broome and Albany. New units are underway in the Metropolitan area including Fiona Stanley Hospital, Midland Hospital and Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital. The Plan outlines the need for realignment and expansion of inpatient beds, to provide an optimal mix of services across Western Australia. More people being supported in the community will alleviate demand on hospital based services, improving access to treatment for individuals with complex needs and acute illness.

The new Fiona Stanley Hospital Mental Health Unit

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The Plan at a glance

NORTHERN AND REMOTE

Hospital Based Services***
Beds 47 80 102

PERTH METROPOLITAN

Hospital Based Services***
Beds 499 571 803

SOUTHERN COUNTRY

Hospital Based Services***
Beds 49 64 142

Notes
***The beds outlined under the "Hospital based services" stream (in all regions), includes beds which will replace those being gradually closed at Graylands.
MH = Mental health
AOD = Alcohol and other drug
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.
Hospital Based Services Actions

What are we doing right now?

- Opening 36 new and 100 replacement mental health inpatient services at:
  - Perth Children’s Hospital – 20 bed acute mental health unit for children up to 16 years
  - QEII – 30 bed adult acute mental health unit
  - Midland Hospital – 56 bed acute mental health unit
  - Fiona Stanley Hospital – 30 bed acute mental health unit, including new mother and baby (perinatal), youth and mental health assessment beds (short stay)

By 2017 to prepare for the future:

- Commence process of divesting the services offered at Graylands and Selby hospital campuses
- Convert the Bentley Adolescent Unit into a state-wide inpatient subacute service for youth
- Expand mental health observation areas in or adjacent to emergency departments across the State
- Complete evaluation of pilot transport service and continue to provide an effective and safe transfer service for people who require transport under the Mental Health Act
- Increase access to hospital consultation liaison services for people with mental health, alcohol and other drug problems
- Increase capacity for Telehealth links (i.e., telepsychiatry and specialised services) into small hospitals in rural and remote regions
- Expand the numbers of mental health Hospital in the Home (HITH) beds across the State

By 2020 to rebalance the system:

- Expand the Next Step Inpatient Withdrawal Service, in the inner city area, to provide greater capacity for high medical withdrawal
- Increase the capacity of country hospitals to provide medically supervised alcohol and other drug withdrawal
- Further increase access to hospital consultation liaison for people with mental health, alcohol and other drug problems
- Further expand mental health observation areas across the State
- Continue the gradual closure of Graylands wards, as HITH and new hospital wards become operational across the State
- Further expand mental health HITH beds across the State

By 2025 to continue the reform:

- Further expand mental health observation areas across the State
- Increase hospital consultation liaison services for people with mental health, alcohol and other drug problems
- Continue the expansion of high medical withdrawal beds
- Complete the closure of the existing Graylands facilities, with final transition to new services by 2025 (with a new, contemporary mental health facility located on the Graylands site)
- Continue to expand mental health HITH beds across the State

Mental Health Observation Area (MHOA) at Sir Charles Gardner Hospital (SCGH)
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.

How can I give my feedback on the Plan?
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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.