Information and Background
for
The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

This MOU template was developed by the Collaboration and Service Integration Reference Group (CSI).

The CSI was established in July 2011 and has representation from peak mental health NGO bodies, public mental health services and consumer and carer representatives. The CSI is chaired by the Mental Health Commission and the members work together to promote and provide feedback on projects which work in a collaborative and innovative way to support recovery.

The creation of a template for an MOU was identified as a tool that could assist the sector in developing and creating working partnerships between services (both NGO and Area Health Services). The template was created using input from a range of agencies from across the sector.

The CSI Group identified key components and examples from a wide range of working MOUs provided by the sector and developed the attached MOU template.

The template provides a variety of options for organisations to choose from so that it can be adapted as appropriate. There are some useful indicators and points in the template for services in the process of creating partnerships – especially those partnerships which do not involve funding but are aimed at outlining a more operational process of how services will work together.

This MOU template reflects good practice for agencies working together but it is not mandatory to use this specific template.

The CSI Reference Group hopes that the template goes some way in assisting collaboration and service integration in the mental health sector across all services.

A special ‘THANK YOU’

The CSI Reference Group would like to say “thank you very much” to all those agencies who generously provided their own examples of MOUs. These were extremely valuable and provided the basis of the current template.