

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

Activity Work Plan
2020 — 2024

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AOD 1: Increase access to culturally appropriate treatment for Aboriginal people.

Program Key Priority Area

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Aim of Activity

The Activity aims to increase the delivery and integration of holistic, trauma informed strategies that work to reduce the impact of social and emotional factors contributing to the substance misuse among Aboriginal people.

The Activity will work across mental health and chronic disease services to enable the early identification and culturally appropriate treatment of Aboriginal people with physical and mental health issues who have co-occurring substance misuse issues.

Description of Activity

In consultation with Aboriginal community leaders, key partners and stakeholders, co-design and commission a model and services focused on social and emotional wellbeing factors.

Needs Assessment Priority

NCPHN Needs Assessment 2019/20-2021/22

Needs Assessment Priority

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Target Population Cohort

Aboriginal people

Indigenous Specific	Yes
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Indigenous Specific Comments

Direct approach to Aboriginal Elders, Aboriginal Medical Services and Aboriginal community leaders.

Coverage

Whole Region

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Consultation

Aboriginal Elders, Aboriginal Medical Services and Aboriginal community leaders will be actively consulted and involved in the co-design of services to meet the needs of their community members.

Collaboration

To be confirmed following comprehensive consultation and co-design processes with key partners and stakeholders.

Activity Milestone Details/Duration

Activity Start Date	01/07/2020
Activity End Date	30/06/2022
Service Delivery Start Date	July 2020
Service Delivery End Date	June 2022

Procurement approach

Expression Of Interest (EOI)

Is this activity being co-designed?	Yes
Is this activity the result of a previous co-design process?	No

Do you plan to implement this Activity using co-commissioning or joint-commissioning arrangements?	No
Has this activity previously been co-commissioned or joint-commissioned?	No
Decommissioning	No

Co-design or co-commissioning comments

Initial discussions with Aboriginal Medical Services, Aboriginal Service Providers and Aboriginal leaders to assess local needs, barriers and enablers.

Utilise Comprehensive Needs Assessment Data and Dynamic Systems Modelling to address gaps and identify suitable interventions to improve health outcomes

Utilise literature, reform and recommendations to seek suitable solutions

Co-design co-create interventions/services that will best meet the needs of the community or to localise existing evidence-based models/activity.

EOI to Aboriginal Medical Services, organisations and group process will follow

Is this activity in scope for data collection under the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services?	Yes
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AOD 2: Increase withdrawal safety and manage substance dependence

Program Key Priority Area

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Aim of Activity

The Activity aims to overcome barriers to treatment and coordinated care facing many vulnerable people in the NNSW area.

- Continue the delivery of evidence-based intensive short term non-residential rehabilitation programs to meet the needs of people unable to access long term residential rehabilitation programs.
- Expand the delivery of culturally appropriate drug and alcohol withdrawal management, residential rehabilitation and care coordination for Aboriginal men.

Description of Activity

CoRe: Community Rehab program

Delivers evidence-based, intensive, short-term day program in three communities to fill the gap between brief clinical interventions and long-term residential services, using a person-centred stepped care approach.

The CoRe service features:

1. intensive psycho-educational and therapeutic modules tailored to the individual needs of the client.
2. an integrated, comprehensive service that actively links with broader physical and mental health, and social support services to meet the holistic needs of each client.

Gulgiuwen Residential Withdrawal and Rehabilitation program

Delivers clinically safe withdrawal management services and intensive residential rehabilitation in a culturally safe setting. The program links Aboriginal residents with broader physical health and social services while providing them with individual and group psychosocial counselling to address the issues associated with their substance misuse.

Needs Assessment Priorities

NCPHN Needs Assessment 2019/20-2021/22

Needs Assessment Priorities

Demand Reduction: Prevent uptake & delay first use. Reduce harmful use Support people to recover

Harm Reduction. Reduce risk behaviours. Safer settings

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Target Population Cohort

CoRe: Community Rehab program

People (aged over 18yrs) with substance misuse issues who:

- Live with young children
- Will not enter long-term residential programs for financial, personal or professional reasons
- Have binge-using patterns, especially for alcohol and Ice
- Have a history of chronic relapse
- Require extended post residential program support
- Require post-court diversion program relapse prevention

Gulgiuwen Residential Withdrawal and Rehabilitation program

Aboriginal men over 18 in the Lismore area experiencing high criminogenic and health risks and dysfunction caused by, or originating from, alcohol and other drug misuse and men with multiple and complex issues across AOD misuse, recidivism, mental health, family breakdown, unemployment and homelessness.

In Scope AOD Treatment Type

- Day Stay Rehabilitation (and other intensive non-residential programs)
- Withdrawal Management
- Residential Rehabilitation
- Case management, care planning, and coordination
- Information and Education

Indigenous Specific

Yes

Indigenous Specific Comments

The CoRe: Community Rehab program is available to Aboriginal people. All NCPHN commissioned services are contractually required to embed culturally safe practices into service delivery.

The Gulgihwen Residential Withdrawal and Rehabilitation program is only available to Aboriginal men aged over 18yrs.

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Consultation

Extensive consultations were held in 2016 with government and non-government service providers and Aboriginal community members to identify target populations and priority areas for investment to fill gaps in treatment services. The design of two currently funded activities was informed through this consultation and stakeholder engagement. The need for an expansion of the Gulgihwen Residential Withdrawal and Rehabilitation program was confirmed by the 2018 NCPHN Needs Assessment (pages 3,18-19, 20-27)

Collaboration

The commissioned services will continue to be delivered in collaboration with:

- Specialist Drug and Alcohol Services
- Dept of Corrections
- GPS
- Mental Health Services
- Allied health providers
- Social support services including housing, employment and recreational groups.

Activity Milestone Details/Duration

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Service Delivery Start Date	July 2019
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Procurement approach

Continuing Service Provider / Contract Extension

Is this activity being co-designed?	No
Is this activity the result of a previous co-design process?	Yes
Do you plan to implement this Activity using co-commissioning or joint-commissioning arrangements?	No
Has this activity previously been co-commissioned or joint-commissioned?	No
Decommissioning	No
Is this activity in scope for data collection under the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services?	Yes

AOD 3: Reduce the number of young people experiencing alcohol and or drug related harms

Program Key Priority Area

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Aim of Activity

The Activity aims to increase access to evidence based early intervention drug and alcohol treatment services for young people (aged 12 to 24yrs) living in underserved areas by:

- Establishing access to a designated youth alcohol & other drugs specialist service.
- Providing a range of evidence-based and practice-informed interventions.
- Driving collaboration and partnership with local health services, community organisations, Indigenous groups, schools and other youth centric entities.
- Providing advocacy.
- Offering consultancy and capacity building to other primary care providers.

Description of Activity

The Young Peoples AOD Early Intervention program (YPEIP)

Increases access to and quality of evidence based early intervention alcohol and other drug treatment services for young people aged 12-25yrs in small communities.

The following services were transitioned from Department of Health to NCPHN:

Outreach 360 program

Provides evidence based one on one and one-off alcohol and other drug outreach counselling, case management and brief intervention services in school and community-based settings located in small communities.

INTRA Youth program

Is an outreach program providing evidence-based treatment and referral services for clients with complex physical and mental health as well as social needs. Services included early intervention, group and individual treatment, stabilisation, and relapse prevention.

Needs Assessment Priorities

NCPHN Needs Assessment 2019/20-2021/22

Needs Assessment Priorities

Harm Minimisation. Building safe, healthy and resilient communities through preventing, responding and reducing alcohol, tobacco and other drugs related health, social and economic harms

Harm Reduction. Reduce risk behaviours. Safer settings

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Target Population Cohort

- Young people (aged 12 to 25yrs) who are experimenting with alcohol or other drug (AOD) use
- Young people (aged 12 to 25yrs) who are experiencing harms as a result of their AOD use
- Young people (aged 12 to 25yrs) who are at high risk of escalating their AOD use
- Families of young people (aged 12 to 25yrs) participating in the counselling service
- People working with young people (aged 12 to 25yrs) with AOD issues.

In Scope AOD Treatment Type

- Early intervention (including Brief Intervention)
- Counselling
- Case management, care planning, and coordination
- Information and Education

Indigenous Specific

No

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Consultation

Extensive consultations were held in 2016 with government and non-government service providers and Aboriginal community members to identify target populations and priority areas for investment to fill evident gaps in treatment services for young people.

Collaboration

The commissioned services will continue to collaborate with a wide range of health and social service providers to improve the care and coordination of services to meet client needs:

The Young Peoples AOD Early Intervention program (YPEIP)

Community Drug Action Teams (CDATs), GPs, schools, hospital based mental health services, youth services, and youth interagency meeting.

Outreach 360 program

School support staff, legal services, primary health care, housing, disability, social support services and Department of Child and Family Services, headspace and other youth services.

INTRA Youth program

School support staff, Tweed Head police; BATTERY Residential Withdrawal Unit; Rekindling The Spirit (AMS); Ngullingah Council Recre8 youth wilderness therapy program and AIME mentoring.

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Procurement approach

Continuing Service Provider / Contract Extension

Is this activity being co-designed?	No
Is this activity the result of a previous co-design process?	Yes

Do you plan to implement this Activity using co-commissioning or joint-commissioning arrangements?	No
Has this activity previously been co-commissioned or joint-commissioned?	No
Decommissioning	Yes

Decommissioning details

Outreach 360 Program: Provider notified contract will not be renewed, 3-month notification period for transition to end of service provided. Transition plan established with referral pathway for new clients and service to continue for existing clients until 30 September 2020.

Is this activity in scope for data collection under the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services?	Yes
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AOD 4: Reduce barriers to accessing allied health counselling services for vulnerable community members

Program Key Priority Area

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Aim of Activity

The Activity aims to increase access to community-based individual and group psychosocial therapies for individuals and families impacted by substance misuse living in underserved areas.

The Activity is delivery in small communities with limited access to community-based specialist allied health counselling services. The Activity works to remove the barriers to treatment facing many disengaged and often marginalised community members.

Description of Activity

The b.well program

Delivers psychoeducation, group counselling, individual treatment, early intervention and relapse prevention services to people throughout Northern NSW.

Nimbin Integrated Service

Provides an integrated model of care for clients with substance misuse and mental health issues through early intervention, case management, counselling and referral to health and social support services.

Needs Assessment Priorities

NCPHN Needs Assessment 2019/20-2021/22

Needs Assessment Priorities
Harm Minimisation. Building safe, healthy and resilient communities through preventing, responding and reducing alcohol, tobacco and other drugs related health, social and economic harms
Harm Reduction. Reduce risk behaviours. Safer settings
Demand Reduction: Prevent uptake & delay first use. Reduce harmful use Support people to recover
Alcohol and Other Drugs

Target Population Cohort

The b.well program

People (aged over 12 years) with co-morbid substance misuse and mental illness; families and carers of people with co-morbid substance misuse and mental illness; and education and support to people working in the local human services sector.

Nimbin Integrated Service

People, aged over 16yrs, with co-occurring substance misuse and mental health problems, including women, youth, families with children, and Aboriginal peoples.

In Scope AOD Treatment Type

- Early intervention (including Brief Intervention)
- Counselling
- Aftercare/relapse prevention
- Case management, care planning, and coordination
- Information and Education.

Indigenous Specific	No
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Consultation

The programs were transitioned from the Department of Health in 2018. Information regarding initial stakeholder engagement and consultation is unknown.

The delivery of the programs has continued to be informed through ongoing consultation and engagement with clients, community leaders, and primary and secondary care providers.

Collaboration

The programs will continue to maintain referral pathways, formal partnerships and/or MOUs with local GPs, NCPHN psychological and AOD commissioned services, employment services; MNC and NNSW Local Health Districts; schools; and high school.

Activity Milestone Details/Duration

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Service Delivery Start Date	July 2019
Service Delivery End Date	June 2022

Procurement approach

Continuing Service Provider / Contract Extension

Is this activity being co-designed?	No
Is this activity the result of a previous co-design process?	Yes
Do you plan to implement this Activity using co-commissioning or joint-commissioning arrangements?	No
Has this activity previously been co-commissioned or joint-commissioned?	No
Decommissioning	No
Is this activity in scope for data collection under the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services?	Yes

AOD 5: Outpatient withdrawal management services and aftercare services

Program Key Priority Area

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Aim of Activity

The Activity aims to increased access to coordinated care for people exiting drug and alcohol treatment and or rehabilitation who need support to reduce the risk of relapse.

The Activity works to re-engage young people and adults recovering from chronic substance misuse with the primary physical and mental health services, education, employment, social, and or housing services they need to achieve immediate and longer-term positive health, social and economic outcomes. The Activity is delivered across the region with the services going to where people live rather than requiring them to travel to larger centre.

Description of Activity

Alcohol and Other Drugs Relapse Prevention (Aftercare) Service (RPAs)

Supports people to re-engage with education, employment; housing services; and/or family/community. The service also supports GPs managing people with alcohol and other drug dependence who are at risk of relapse.

Needs Assessment Priorities

NCPHN Needs Assessment 2019/20-2021/22

Needs Assessment Priorities

Harm Minimisation. Building safe, healthy and resilient communities through preventing, responding and reducing alcohol, tobacco and other drugs related health, social and economic harms

Demand Reduction: Prevent uptake & delay first use. Reduce harmful use Support people to recover

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Target Population Cohort

- People, aged 18 to 65 years, being managed by a GP
- People, aged 18 to 65 years, recently discharged from inpatient drug and alcohol treatment
- People, aged 18 to 65 years, leaving rehabilitation services who need longer support to reduce the risk of relapse.

In Scope AOD Treatment Type

- Aftercare / Relapse Prevention
- Case management, care planning, and coordination
- Information and Education
- Workforce Development, Capacity Building, including supporting the workforce through activities which promote joint up assessment and referral pathways, quality improvement, evidence-based treatment, and service integration.

Indigenous Specific	No
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Consultation

The ongoing delivery of the commissioned service is informed through ongoing active consultation with local GPs, NSW Health AOD service providers, Aboriginal leaders, Specialist housing providers, Centrecare, Tursa Employment, Interact Disability Employment, St Thomas Church (soup kitchen), Housing NSW, Your Family Practice, McCosker House, New Horizons and the Mid North Coast Community Legal Centre.

Collaboration

Formal professional alliances and partnerships exist with NNSW LHD and Mid-North Coast LHD including MOU's, co-location of staff, formal referral pathways, and shared clinical reviews and training.

Referral pathways and co-location of services are in place with the Port Macquarie Neighbourhood Centre, CHESS in Grafton, Headspace in Grafton, Gurehlgams in Grafton, Momentum Collection in Tweed Heads, Bulgarr Ngaru AMS in Casino and Balund-a in Tabulum.

RPAS is negotiating currently co-location in Community Corrections Port Macquarie and an Aboriginal Medical Centre in Ballina.

Activity Milestone Details/Duration

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Activity End Date	30/06/2022
Service Delivery Start Date	July 2019
Service Delivery End Date	June 2022

Procurement approach

Continuing Service Provider / Contract Extension

Is this activity being co-designed?	No
Is this activity the result of a previous co-design process?	Yes
Do you plan to implement this Activity using co-commissioning or joint-commissioning arrangements?	No
Has this activity previously been co-commissioned or joint-commissioned?	No
Decommissioning	No
Is this activity in scope for data collection under the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services?	Yes

AOD 6: North Coast Collective

Program Key Priority Area

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Aim of Activity

The NCPHN Needs Assessment Report (Nov 2018) confirms there is a need for a comprehensive multi-sectoral approach to reducing exposure to known risk factors contributing to alcohol and other drug (AOD) misuse across the life span and social demographic groups. Many of these factors are beyond the influence of health services alone.

The Activity aims to bring together major partners from across government, non-government, AMS and community sectors to address these risk factors. The Activity will be implemented high priority, high impact collective investments, informed through comprehensive consultation and co-design.

The Activity will strengthen collaboration, coordination and referral paths across sectors and agencies to increase the early identification and early treatment of people impacted by substance misuse.

Description of Activity

2019-20 Through a shared investment strategy, identify opportunities to maximise exposure to known risk factors contributing to alcohol and other drug misuse among vulnerable people.

2020-21 and 2021-22 Through joint commissioning approaches, invest in coordinated programs/services to strengthen protective factors to reduce the impact of risk factors contributing to alcohol and other drug misuse among vulnerable people.

Needs Assessment Priorities

NCPHN Needs Assessment 2019/20-2021/22

Needs Assessment Priorities

Harm Minimisation. Building safe, healthy and resilient communities through preventing, responding and reducing alcohol, tobacco and other drugs related health, social and economic harms

Demand Reduction: Prevent uptake & delay first use. Reduce harmful use Support people to recover

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Target Population Cohort

Vulnerable people from across the region who are exposed to risk factors contributing to alcohol and other drug misuse.

In Scope AOD Treatment Type

To be confirmed through Shared Investment strategy undertaken with partner agencies.

Indigenous Specific	No
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Consultation

A stakeholder engagement strategy has been developed for the Shared Investment strategy, including involvement of people with lived experience, Aboriginal and mainstream service providers, government departments and funding agencies.

Ongoing consultation with key stakeholders will continue over the next three years to inform and guide the implementation of joint investments to ensure currency and relevance of commissioned programs/services.

Collaboration

The following have confirmed commitment to a Shared Investment approach:

- MNC & NNSW LHD

- The Ministry of Health
- The Department of Health
- Aboriginal Elders and leaders

Activity Milestone Details/Duration

Activity Start Date	01/07/2020
Activity End Date	30/06/2022
Service Delivery Start Date	July 2020
Service Delivery End Date	June 2022

Procurement approach

Not Yet Known

Is this activity being co-designed?	Yes
Is this activity the result of a previous co-design process?	No
Do you plan to implement this Activity using co-commissioning or joint-commissioning arrangements?	Yes
Has this activity previously been co-commissioned or joint-commissioned?	No
Decommissioning	No

Co-design or co-commissioning comments

Utilise Comprehensive Needs Assessment Data and Dynamic Systems Modelling to identify service gaps and to adjust service models to ensure regional equity and enhanced health outcomes.

Co-design with AOD service providers suitable evidence-based technology-based coordinated care and social connectedness interventions to include in service AOD service provision to enhance health outcomes.

Is this activity in scope for data collection under the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services?	No
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AOD 7: Increasing access to drug & alcohol treatments services in regional, rural & remote areas

Program Key Priority Area

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Aim of Activity

This Activity aims to increase the direct treatment service delivery of drug and alcohol treatment sector in remote, rural and regional areas of need; and improving the access and effectiveness of drug and alcohol treatment services for people requiring support

Description of Activity

Identify areas of need for increased drug and alcohol specialist services in remote, rural and regional areas. Build on existing service provision to enhance access to drug and alcohol services. Provision of a two-day specialist outreach service where services are not available.

Expansion of CoRe program to service Mid North Coast community

CoRe: Community Day Rehab program

People (aged over 18yrs) with substance misuse issues who:

- Live with young children
- Will not enter long-term residential programs for financial, personal or professional reasons
- Have binge-using patterns, especially for alcohol and Ice
- Have a history of chronic relapse
- Require extended post residential program support
- Require post-court diversion program relapse prevention

Program is available for people living in Nambucca LGA and Wauchope, with flexibility to move the service to respond to demand/unmet needs.

Needs Assessment Priorities

NCPHN Needs Assessment 2019/20-2021/22

Needs Assessment Priorities

Harm Minimisation. Building safe, healthy and resilient communities through preventing, responding and reducing alcohol, tobacco and other drugs related health, social and economic harms

Harm Reduction. Reduce risk behaviours. Safer settings

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Target Population Cohort

Vulnerable people from across the region who are exposed to risk factors contributing to alcohol and other drug misuse.

In Scope AOD Treatment Type

The delivery of two-day specialist outreach service to locations which do not currently have access to drug and alcohol services.

Indigenous Specific	No
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Coverage

Whole Region

Consultation

Service provider has worked with local stakeholders to ensure CoRe program is localised and promotes linkages with broader health services

Collaboration

We will work collaboratively with Aboriginal Medical Services, Northern NSW and Mid North Coast Local Health Districts, AOD service providers, health professionals and General Practitioners

Activity Milestone Details/Duration

Activity Start Date	01/07/2020
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Activity End Date	31/12/2021
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Service Delivery Start Date	February 2021
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Procurement approach

- Continuing Service Provider / Contract Extension
- Direct Engagement

Is this activity being co-designed?	Yes
Is this activity the result of a previous co-design process?	No
Do you plan to implement this Activity using co-commissioning or joint-commissioning arrangements?	No
Has this activity previously been co-commissioned or joint-commissioned?	No
Decommissioning	No

Co-design or co-commissioning comments

Utilise Comprehensive Needs Assessment Data and Dynamic Systems Modelling to identify service gaps and ensure services/ models address regional equity and enhance health outcomes.

Co-design with AOD service providers and Aboriginal Medical Services to enhance access to existing specialist drug and alcohol services to improve service demand.

Co-design with local stakeholders, including LHDs, Aboriginal Medical Services and AOD providers to identify outreach service locations based on identified service gaps and local need.

Is this activity in scope for data collection under the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services?	Yes
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AOD-GPS 1: General practice support for drug & alcohol addiction

Program Key Priority Area

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Aim of Activity

Provide additional support and resources to support the delivery of drug and alcohol training packages to general practitioners (GPs) and primary health providers through the procurement of an Addiction Medicine Specialist to support the following;

- Develop resources and information that enhance understanding of appropriate referral pathways for the management of drug and alcohol use.
- Promote training and education packages through ACCRM, RACGP.
- Identify barriers and enablers to drug and alcohol treatment and use the information to localise strategies to better respond to the needs of the community.
- Utilise information to support further commissioning activity/investment.

Description of Activity

Work with an Addiction Medicine Specialist Consultant and Healthy North Coast internal directorates, including Integration, Wellness and Communications to promote the

education package and training grants for drug and alcohol addiction to General Practitioners.

Work with the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicines (ACRRM) and the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) to support the delivery of training packages.

Work with the Addiction Medicine Specialist, Health Pathways Clinical Advisors, Primary Health and Aboriginal Health Coordinators to develop resources and update referral pathways to support general practices and to build the capacity of the health workforce to respond to the needs of patients who are at risk of or who misuse alcohol and other drugs.

Needs Assessment Priorities

NCPHN Needs Assessment 2019/20-2021/22

Needs Assessment Priorities

Harm Reduction. Reduce risk behaviours. Safer settings

Culturally safe, appropriate and high-quality services

Health Workforce

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Target Population Cohort

General Practitioners and other health professionals

Indigenous Specific	No
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Coverage

Whole Region

Consultation

Local Health Districts, health professionals, General Practitioners, Clinical Councils

Collaboration

NCPHN Communications, Wellness and Integration teams to support promotion of education package and training grants.

Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicines (ACRRM) and The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP).

Clinical Advisors and Clinical Councils

MNC and NNSW Local Health Districts

Aboriginal Medical Services

Activity Milestone Details/Duration

Activity Start Date	30/04/2020
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Activity End Date	30/06/2021
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Service Delivery Start Date	February 2021
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Service Delivery End Date	August 2021
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Procurement approach

Open Tender

• Is this activity being co-designed?	No
Is this activity the result of a previous co-design process?	No
Do you plan to implement this Activity using co-commissioning or joint-commissioning arrangements?	No
Has this activity previously been co-commissioned or joint-commissioned?	No
Decommissioning	No