

Specialist Dementia Care Program Information Session

North Coast
Primary Health Network region



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Today's session

	Topic	Presenter
1	Introduction, purpose and overview • Program overview • Design principles	Department of Health, Disability and Ageing
2	Program referral, assessment and eligibility	Dementia Support Australia
3	Overview of NSW Ministry of Health's role in the SDGP • Provision of Clinical in-reach support (Local Health District) to units	Mental Health Branch, NSW Ministry of Health
4	Questions/Discussion	All



What is the Specialist Dementia Care Program?

- Care for people exhibiting very severe behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia who are unable to be effectively cared for by mainstream aged care services
- Intensive and specialised care with focus on stabilising and reducing symptoms
- Aims to enable transition to less intensive care (usually after 12 months)
- Dedicated dementia friendly environment (up to 9 beds) within an aged care facility



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Staffing to support the SDCP model of care

- Expectation of higher staffing levels which are maintained within the unit
- Expectation that staff have expertise in dementia care and behaviour management to support person centred care, including support from a registered nurse 24/7
- Training in the management of very severe BPSD, available through Dementia Training Australia



What funding is provided for SDCP providers?

Australian National Aged Care Classification (AN-ACC) funding model

One-off establishment payment

Top up grant payments per place per day
(block funded)

Transition In Support
Additional payment per client
transitioned in
(outcomes-based grant payment)

Transition Out Support
Additional payment per client
transitioned out
(outcomes-based grant payment)



Referral, assessment and eligibility

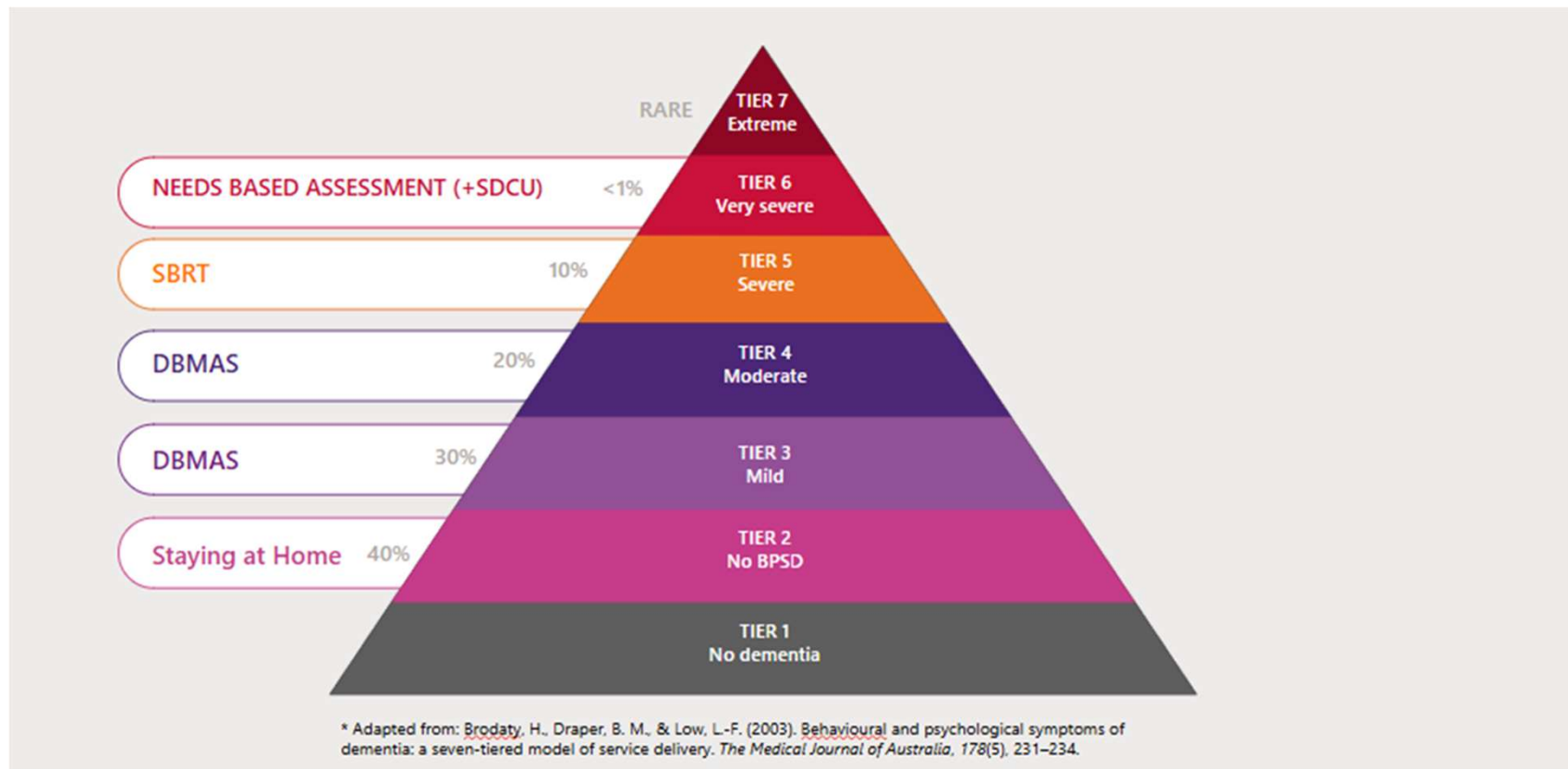
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Seven-tiered model of service delivery



Referral and eligibility

- The Needs Based Assessment (NBA) program provides nationally consistent assessment for eligibility into the Specialist Dementia Care Program.
- You will hear us refer to the program as

Assessing for Eligibility for
the Specialist Dementia
Care Program
- Determining eligibility for SDCPs
 - ✓The behaviours are primarily as a result of dementia
 - ✓The behaviours are deemed very severe
 - ✓The behaviours have proved intractable to adequate trials of management*

Consent *from the client's family/guardian or the decision maker is vital*

Assessment process: NBA

Eligibility Assessment Process Step-Through



Clinical support for SDCP units

- Local health districts provide specialist clinical in-reach for units
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the unit provider and the relevant state or territory government local health service to underpin clinical in-reach arrangements
- Clinical governance arrangements
 - Clinical Advisory Committee (CAC)
 - Clinical Review Team (CRT)
- Partnership development and education and training support



NSW Health's role in the SDCP

Provision of clinical in-reach
by the Local Health District to units



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Also present: representatives of Northern NSW
Local Health District and Mid North Coast Local
Health District



NSW Ministry of Health role in the SDCP

- Mental Health Branch (MHB) is the NSW Ministry of Health lead for the SDCP in NSW, and the central liaison point for the Commonwealth, Local Health Districts (LHDs) and aged care providers.
- MHB oversees and supports the establishment of specialist clinical in-reach positions in LHDs, and the development and maintenance of the SDCP Memorandum of Understanding between aged care providers and LHDs.
- It works with LHDs and SDCP providers to support the delivery of the SDCP in NSW. This includes coordination of a statewide network of SDCP providers and partnering LHDs, and other similar mental health-residential aged care partnership services in NSW.
- MHB also coordinates NSW Health SDCP clinical support funding and reporting processes under the Commonwealth-State SDCP funding agreement.

Program information

Item	Link
Department of Health and Aged Care SDCP website	https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/specialist-dementia-care-program-sdcp
SDCP contact	SDCP@health.gov.au
SDCP Framework	www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/specialist-dementia-care-program-framework
SDCP Evaluation report	https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/evaluation-of-phase-one-of-the-specialist-dementia-care-program-summative-report?language=en
Information on dementia design	www.enablenvironments.com.au www.dementia.org.au
Dementia Training Australia	www.dta.com.au



Questions



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