

Changes to the Mental Health Nursing Services

Information for consumers and carers

Frequent Asked Questions

1. Is EMPHN closing down the Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program (MHNIP)?

A: Starting 1 July 2017, as part of the transition to the Stepped Care Model, MHNIP ceases to exist as a discrete program. However, our existing providers currently delivering mental health nursing services will continue to do so for the next three to six months to ensure continuity of care as new providers begin service delivery under the future Stepped Care Model.

EMPHN recognises mental health nurses are valuable members of the mental health workforce in the primary health sector and envisage that they will comprise part of the workforce delivering services in the future Stepped Care Model.

2. I or someone I know is currently being seen by a mental health nurse, what will happen to the service I am currently receiving?

A: GPs or private psychiatrists with clients being seen by a mental health nurse are recommended to work closely with the mental health nurse and their respective clients to update the client's treatment plan (MH Treatment Plan or Individual Recovery Plan) specifically to include transition arrangements.

If there will be a change in the mental health nursing service arrangement, the GP or psychiatrist may see the client more frequently in the interim depending on the client's needs and circumstances.

Further information:

Regular updates on the transition arrangements of our current mental health programs to the Stepped Care Model will be provided via our website www.emphn.org.au/what-we-do/mhnservices

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