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# Suicide Bereavement Support Services

## Changes to Suicide Bereavement Support Services at Eastern Melbourne PHN

Eastern Melbourne PHN (EMPHN) is continuing to fund Suicide Bereavement Support Services for people who live, work or study in the EMPHN catchment.

As of May 2019 these services will be delivered by Neami National.

These services will provide a range of therapeutic and other supports including:

- Individual counselling
- Group therapy
- Care coordination
- Community debriefing and support (e.g. workplaces, sporting clubs)

The services will also connect with other appropriate providers including General Practice to deliver collaborative care. The workforce will comprise appropriately trained health workers, including allied health professionals.

### What will happen to the service I currently receive?

Bereavement support in the EMPHN catchment has historically been provided by *Support After Suicide*, delivered by Jesuit Social Services.

*Support After Suicide* have been asked to prepare transition arrangements with their consumers if required. These arrangements may include:

- Working with consumers and their significant others (where appropriate) to understand the changes and the types of services they may receive from Neami National
- Preparing a treatment report for consumers who require ongoing care beyond 30 May 2019
- Working with other supports, including GPs, to ensure that consumers continue to receive appropriate care

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