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Information for Referrers

Changes to Suicide Bereavement Services at Eastern Melbourne PHN

Eastern Melbourne PHN (EMPHN) is continuing to fund bereavement services. As of May 2019, these services will be provided 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 work in partnership with carers and other appropriate support providers, including GPs, to ensure the consumers overall health and wellbeing is managed.

What is happening to the current service provider?

Bereavement support in the EMPHN catchment has historically been provided by *Support After Suicide*, delivered by Jesuit Social Services. *Support After Suicide* will work in partnership with Neami National to ensure smooth transition into the new services.

What is the eligibility criteria to access bereavement services?

People of all ages bereaved by suicide, who live, work or study in EMPHN's catchment are eligible for the services.

What is the role of GPs and other service providers in the new service?

When a consumer is identified as requiring multiple supports, it is expected that all relevant service providers will come together with the consumer and carer/s (as appropriate) to establish agreed working practices and develop a Collaborative Care Plan.

During the transition, where can I get more information?

For more information contact EMPHN's Referral and Access Team P: 9800 1071

How do I refer?

Referrals to bereavement services can be made via EMPHN's Referral and Access Team P: 9800 1071 or via Neami National at lifecconnect@neaminational.org.au or 1300 052 590

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