

Eastern Melbourne - Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

2023/24 - 2027/28

Activity Summary View



AOD - 1 - Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services - June 2025



Activity Metadata

Applicable Schedule *

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

Activity Prefix *

AOD

Activity Number *

1

Activity Title *

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services - June 2025

Existing, Modified or New Activity *

Modified



Activity Priorities and Description

Program Key Priority Area *

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Other Program Key Priority Area Description**Aim of Activity ***

The aim of this activity is to deliver tailored person centered AOD care for adults and youth.

Description of Activity *

Activities fall under four program areas: Dual Diagnosis, Family Support, Youth and Medication Support.

Programs deliver a range of specific activities to increase access to AOD treatment services including:

- Continuation of a range of commissioned programs and services for adult and youth delivering interventions that include group programs, support people with AOD and co-occurring Mental Health presentations, assertive outreach, counselling,

peer support, support for families and carers and workforce development. Families are supported through individual counselling and family therapy providing wrap-around support for individuals, couples and families with, or connected to alcohol and/or drug dependency.

- Specialist assessment and treatment for people and families affected by pharmaceutical misuse or dependence are integrated into community health services. Specialist medication and recovery support is provided via individual or family counselling, nursing and withdrawal support, peer support groups, brief interventions and harm reduction services.

- Screening physical health needs and connecting consumers with their general practitioner and other professionals as part of their care team to address and monitor physical health and wellbeing.
- Incorporation of AOD as a dual diagnosis into the EMPHN mental health stepped care model, including integrated partnerships with tertiary services and direct referral pathways from inpatient units.
- Youth AOD outreach services targeting at-needs areas - screening, assessment and brief interventions, assertive outreach, and support for young people, families and carers organisations or embedded within culturally safe teams.
- Access to services through both mainstream and community driven culturally safe environments.
- Other activities as identified through needs assessments or stakeholder input.
- Recovery focused programs with multidisciplinary teams with both peer-, practitioner and clinician-led activities.

Further objectives of AOD Core sub-activities include:

- Close collaboration with State funded AOD intake services, GP practices, community-based AOD agencies and other groups, such as the Eastern Mental Health Service Coordination Alliance and Northeastern Mental Health Service Coordination Alliance.
- Capacity building, supporting health education, recreation and brief interventions, pro-social group-based activities, assertive outreach, and support for families and carers
- The program aims to identify opportunities to better integrate AOD and mental health services in the EMPHN catchment.

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services Maintenance supplements the NIAS Operational and Mainstream and Core AOD and Operational Funded programs to support service delivery across the commissioned programs.

Needs Assessment Priorities *

Needs Assessment

EMPHN's Needs Assessment 2024/25 - 2026/27

Priorities

Priority	Page reference
Alcohol and other drugs (AOD)	137
Mental Health (MH) and Suicide Prevention (SP)	139



Activity Demographics

Target Population Cohort

Mainstream Adults & youth

In Scope AOD Treatment Type *

Counselling (individual and group); Care coordination/Case management; Early Intervention; Withdrawal; day rehabilitation; and brief Intervention.

Indigenous Specific *

No

Indigenous Specific Comments

Coverage

Whole Region

Yes

SA3 Name	SA3 Code
Whitehorse - West	20703
Monash	21205
Knox	21101
Manningham - East	21102
Yarra Ranges	21105
Whitehorse - East	21104
Whittlesea - Wallan	20904
Maroondah	21103
Nillumbik - Kinglake	20903
Manningham - West	20702
Banyule	20901
Boroondara	20701



Activity Consultation and Collaboration

Consultation

EMPHN has adopted the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) framework to inform how consumers, clinicians, service providers, peak bodies and other interested parties can work together to inform PHN activities, including (but not limited to) commissioned services and other support activities. IAP2 methods legitimise differing levels of participation dependent on the goals, timeframes, resources and levels of concern in the decision to be made. At EMPHN consultation is the minimum threshold for engagement. This will occur via relevant committees, such as the Aboriginal Consultative Council, Clinical Council and Consumer Advisory Committee, and through other groups and mechanisms as appropriate. In addition to Advisory councils and committees, EMPHN has established "WiseCrowd", a consumer and community panel who have a personal or professional interest in improving healthcare within the catchment, to consult and co-design programs and services – they are engaged as needed.

Collaboration

As noted, EMPHN has adopted the IAP2 framework to inform stakeholder participation. Wherever possible, EMPHN will attempt to work with consumers, clinicians and other stakeholders throughout more elaborate participation levels, such as involvement, collaboration and empowerment. EMPHN has mapped a range of workflows and processes that support bringing stakeholders into the processes of needs assessments, topic prioritisation, design, and evaluation planning. EMPHN considers that the shared construction and interpretation of complex health problems with stakeholders creates stronger and more effective interventions. Commissioned services are regularly engaged to inform any decision making.



Activity Milestone Details/Duration

Activity Start Date

29/06/2016

Activity End Date

29/06/2026

Service Delivery Start Date

30/06/2016

Service Delivery End Date

30/06/2026

Other Relevant Milestones

Department milestones:

28.05.2025 Activity Work Plan

15.11.2025 Other Report – Confirm with DOHAC Needs Assessment is current

30.04.2026 Activity Work Plan

30.09.2026 12 Month Performance Report

30.09.2026 Final Financial Acquittal Report - Audited Income and Expenditure Statement and Declaration



Activity Commissioning

Please identify your intended procurement approach for commissioning services under this activity:

Not Yet Known: No

Continuing Service Provider / Contract Extension: Yes

Direct Engagement: No

Open Tender: No

Expression Of Interest (EOI): No

Other Approach (please provide details): No

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

Decommissioning details?

Co-design or co-commissioning comments

Is this activity in scope for data collection under the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services?

Yes



AOD - 2 - NIAS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People Drug & Alcohol Treatment Services (June 2025)



Activity Metadata

Applicable Schedule *

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

Activity Prefix *

AOD

Activity Number *

2

Activity Title *

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Existing, Modified or New Activity *

Existing



Activity Priorities and Description

Program Key Priority Area *

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Other Program Key Priority Area Description**Aim of Activity ***

The aim of this ongoing activity is to deliver tailored person centered AOD care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, youth, adults and families.

Description of Activity *

This includes activities to increase access to AOD treatment services such as:

1. Strength-based preventative health and wellbeing services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families to
 - promote strong Aboriginal identities and self-determination
 - provide culturally appropriate and safe wrap-around services for those families and children requiring additional services because of the impact of trauma, social challenges and developmental delay.
 - support linkages and referral pathways to increase access to other health and social supports in the community including AOD services, mental health, social support services (disability, housing, community supports).

2. Social and emotional wellbeing program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people, adults and individuals in Aboriginal communities including
 - Continuation of AOD support for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people through provision of AOD trained support facilitators and case managers who are based in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations.
 - enhancing access to alcohol and other drug treatment services, mental health services, facilitating a joined up an integrated

approach with other closely connected services including social and emotional wellbeing and suicide prevention

- strong engagement with local organisations including specialised services to ensure safe and culturally appropriate referral pathways for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients
- utilising the social and emotional wellbeing framework and stages of readiness to guide culturally appropriate care and suitable services to support the recovery of individuals with alcohol and drug use issues.
- providing Aboriginal community members, their support networks and other stakeholders with information and support which aids in addressing alcohol and drug use issues in the community and the ongoing recovery of those with alcohol and drug use issues.

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AOD-Op - 1 - AOD Operations - June 2025



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AOD-Op

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