

Mental Health and Drug & Alcohol Services

Service Reform Consultation

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An Australian Government Initiative

Primary Health Networks (PHNs) have been established with the key objectives of increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of medical services for patients, particularly those at risk of poor health outcomes, and improving coordination of care to ensure patients receive the right care in the right place at the right time.

Under recent Federal Government changes, PHNs will have increased responsibility for frontline mental health and drug & alcohol services from 2016-17 onwards.

Commencing 1 July 2016, this role will include the planning and commissioning of mental health and drug & alcohol services, including Indigenous specific services.

Part of this work requires PHNs to undertake a mental health and drug & alcohol needs assessment and planning to provide evidence based regional plans for 2016-17 which will inform the commissioning of these services.

In addition to speaking to peak bodies and service providers and analysing relevant data, Country SA PHN (CSAPHN) is also seeking the opinion of the wider community at regional levels in an effort to further understand local needs and service gaps to inform the assessment and planning process.

In April, CSAPHN will start running forums to inform the future direction of mental health and drug & alcohol treatment services throughout rural South Australia.

These forums will give local service providers, community members, consumers, carers and local government the chance to identify the services currently available, assess the gaps and discuss enablers and barriers to effective collaboration.

The information gathered will be vital in contributing to a baseline picture and will further inform the foundation of a comprehensive mental health and drug & alcohol needs assessment that will be conducted throughout 2016.

This platform is an opportunity for local communities to have 'their say' on what services are needed in their region to ensure everyone receives the right care in the right place at the right time.

Tuesday 24 May 2016
Jamestown

Commercial Hotel
35 Ayr Street
Jamestown

Time
2pm-4pm (Service Provider)
7pm-9pm (Community)

To register, visit <https://events.countrysaphn.com.au>
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