

NSW Mental Health Reform \$95M Fact Sheet 2017-18



Health

Assisting long-stay mental health patients to transition to the community

- \$6.4 million to support up to 115 people to transition to the community, including an additional \$1.6 million for stage two of the Pathways to Community Living Initiative (PCLI) in Central Coast, Hunter New England, Illawarra Shoalhaven, Northern Sydney, South Eastern Sydney, South Western Sydney, Sydney, Western NSW and Western Sydney to help clinicians to support people to live in the community.

Increasing specialist mental health services in the community

- \$38 million to increase specialist clinical mental health services in the community, including an additional \$8.2 million this year for assertive adult, child and adolescent, and older persons clinical teams. This funding will include:
 - \$3.6 million for assertive clinical community teams in all districts and networks. This enhancement will fund new positions for mental health peer workers, Aboriginal Clinical Leaders and Aboriginal trainees.
 - \$2.4 million for older persons community mental health services in all districts and Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network to enhance specialist mental health care for older people with mental illness in the community.
 - \$2.2 million for child and adolescent mental health teams in Central Coast, Illawarra Shoalhaven, Mid North Coast, Nepean Blue Mountains, Northern NSW, South Eastern Sydney and Western Sydney. This enhancement will enable the provision of better support for children and young people in need. The investment will provide assertive outreach, specialist mental health services and consultation to the health, welfare and education sectors through what is known as a consultation liaison service.

Supporting people to live in the community

- \$39 million to expand community managed living supports and psychosocial supports for people in the community. This includes an additional \$4.8 million this year and will include a focus on regions of NSW identified for the state's anticipated resettlement of 6000 additional refugees from Syria and Iraq over the next 12 – 18 months.

Investing in workforce

- \$2.2 million to train the workforce including an additional \$1 million this year for new mental health first aid courses and workforce scholarships for mental health.

Strengthening specialist support for people with complex needs

- \$3.4 million to increase specialist clinical mental health services in the community including an additional \$2.3 million this year for Aboriginal Mental Health Clinical leaders & statewide coordination, services for people with intellectual disability and culturally appropriate and trauma-informed service provision.

Building a better system

- \$3.4 million for research and innovation
- \$900 thousand for school-link coordinators including three new school link coordinators this year
- \$1.7 million for improved data collection systems and the development of a strategic framework for mental health services