

National Mental Health Commission

This review will examine existing mental health services and programmes across the government, private and non-government sectors. The focus of the review will be to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of programmes and services in supporting individuals experiencing mental ill health and their families and other support people to lead a contributing life and to engage productively in the community.

Programmes and services may include those that have as a main objective:

- The prevention, early detection and treatment of mental illness;
- The prevention of suicide;
- Mental health research, workforce development and training; and/or
- The reduction of the burden of disease caused by mental illness.

The review will consider:

- The efficacy and cost-effectiveness of programmes, services and treatments;
- Duplication in current services and programmes;
- The role of factors relevant to the experience of a contributing life such as employment, accommodation and social connectedness (without evaluating programs except where they have mental health as their principal focus);
- The appropriateness, effectiveness and efficiency of existing reporting requirements and regulation of programmes and services;
- Funding priorities in mental health and gaps in services and programmes, in the context of the current fiscal circumstances facing governments;
- Existing and alternative approaches to supporting and funding mental health care;
- Mental health research, workforce development and training
- Specific challenges for regional, rural and remote Australia;
- Specific challenges for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; and
- Transparency and accountability for outcomes of investment.

The final report will be provided to the Government by 30 November 2014.