

Draft CAMHS Model of Care

Broad Themes:

- > Need for a clear underpinning developmental framework.
- > Need for epidemiological data to support model directions.
- > Strong support for maintaining focus on infancy and childhood.
- > Support for service principles and philosophy.
- > Strong support for formalised partnerships with other sectors.

Process:

- > Consultation process was rushed.
- > Need for a clear articulated and agreed implementation process and timeframe.
- > Need for a consumer and carer consultation strategy.
- > Need for a clearly articulated mechanism to ensure Aboriginal representation in service delivery planning.

Governance:

- > Support for a single statewide service, aligned to the child/youth sector and not with adult mental health services.
- > Relatively small numbers of young people that transition to adult mental health does not warrant alignment with adult mental health services.
- > Single governance would assist with transfer of client information, coordination regarding training and consistent program management.

Target Population:

Age

- > Support for focus on developmental age to guide service response.
- > Resource concerns expressed regarding raising the age range to include 16-24 years.
- > Support for a service response regarding 12-24 year olds.

Disadvantaged Groups

- > Greater focus on Aboriginal children and young people.
- > Support for children with disability as a priority.
- > High risk groups need to be expanded to include e.g. refugees, new arrivals, same sex attracted.

Centralised Triage:

- > Limited support for centralised triage.
- > Need for local knowledge for appropriate triage.
- > Concerns raised regarding additional “steps” in the system.
- > Concerns regarding access for vulnerable groups.



Youth Services:

- > Feedback suggested age criteria requires further clarification.
- > Feedback suggested lack of understanding regarding the target population, the role and function of a youth stabilisation unit.
- > Clarification needed with regard to relationship with Early Psychosis Intervention Service.
- > Acknowledgement of the need for an integrated youth services/sector with flexibility regarding age criteria.
- > There is support for formalised transition arrangements at key points (e.g. home to independent living; school to employment, CAMHS to adult mental health services).
- > Support for youth transitional programs (e.g. Youthlink).
- > Concerns raised regarding resourcing implication of extending focus to older age groups with complex presenting issues.

Statewide Services:

- > Support for expansion of forensic services.
- > Support for a review of specialist statewide services (addressing issues of access).

Other:

- > Acute unit services require detailed planning using epidemiological data.
- > PPCN/PACT is one of a number of evidence based frameworks.
- > Notion of a generic caseload requires further elaboration within the model.
- > Primary health care and GP Plus need to be listed as major partnership.

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