

Our reference: **ACTHDFOI21-22.30**

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Dear [REDACTED]

### **DECISION ON YOUR ACCESS APPLICATION**

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (FOI Act), received by ACT Health Directorate (ACTHD) on **Wednesday 3 November 2021**.

This application requested access to:

*'Any final briefs prepared for any ACT Minister(s) or ACT Government witnesses during 2021-2022 Budget Estimates Hearings'.*

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General of ACT Health Directorate (ACTHD) under section 18 of the FOI Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act. ACTHD was required to provide a decision on your access application by **Wednesday 1 December 2021**.

I have identified 72 documents holding the information within scope of your access application. These are outlined in the schedule of documents included at Attachment A to this decision letter.

My access decisions are detailed further in the following statement of reasons and the documents released to you are provided as Attachment B to this letter.

In reaching my access decision, I have taken the following into account:

- The FOI Act;
- The contents of the documents that fall within the scope of your request; and
- The *Human Rights Act 2004*.

#### **Decisions on access**

I have decided to grant full access to all 72 documents.

#### **Charges**

Processing charges are not applicable to this request.

#### **Disclosure Log**

Under section 28 of the FOI Act, ACTHD maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. The scope of your access application, my decision and documents released to you will be published in the disclosure log not less than three days but not more than 10 days after the date of this decision. Your personal contact details will not be published.

<https://www.health.act.gov.au/about-our-health-system/freedom-information/disclosure-log>.

### **Ombudsman review**

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the FOI Act. You have the right to seek Ombudsman review of this outcome under section 73 of the Act within 20 working days from the day that my decision is published in ACT Health's disclosure log, or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

If you wish to request a review of my decision you may write to the Ombudsman at:

The ACT Ombudsman  
GPO Box 442  
CANBERRA ACT 2601  
Via email: [ACTFOI@ombudsman.gov.au](mailto:ACTFOI@ombudsman.gov.au)  
Website: [ombudsman.act.gov.au](http://ombudsman.act.gov.au)

### **ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) review**

Under section 84 of the Act, if a decision is made under section 82(1) on an Ombudsman review, you may apply to the ACAT for review of the Ombudsman decision. Further information may be obtained from the ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal  
Level 4, 1 Moore St  
GPO Box 370  
Canberra City ACT 2601  
Telephone: (02) 6207 1740  
<http://www.acat.act.gov.au/>

### **Further assistance**

Should you have any queries in relation to your request, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Coordinator on (02) 5124 9831 or email [HealthFOI@act.gov.au](mailto:HealthFOI@act.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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**A/g Executive Branch Manager**  
Office of the Director-General

1 December 2021

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS

Please be aware that under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016*, some of the information provided to you will be released to the public through the ACT Government's Open Access Scheme. The Open Access release status column of the table below indicates what documents are intended for release online through open access.

Personal information or business affairs information will not be made available under this policy. If you think the content of your request would contain such information, please inform the contact officer immediately.

Information about what is published on open access is available online at: <http://www.health.act.gov.au/public-information/consumers/freedom-information>

APPLICANT NAME	WHAT ARE THE PARAMETERS OF THE REQUEST	FILE NUMBER
[REDACTED]	<i>'Any final briefs prepared for any ACT Minister(s) or ACT Government witnesses during 2021-2022 Budget Estimates Hearings'.</i>	<b>ACTHDFOI21-22.30</b>

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5.	14	Savings Targets for Health – 2021-22	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
6.	15 – 16	Key Statistics – ACT Health	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
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8.	31 – 32	Health Staffing Breakdown	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
9.	33	HEA E02 Investing in public health care - Introduction of nursing and midwifery ratios	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES

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11.	36	HEA E05 Investing in public health care - Addressing unmet need in sexual health support for people with disability	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
12.	37	HEA E06 Investing in public health care - Implementation of the LGBTIQ+ Scoping Study recommendations	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
13.	38	HEA E09 Investing in public health care - Additional palliative care beds at Clare Holland House	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
14.	39	HEA E12 Investing in public health care - Fixed-site pill testing pilot	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
15.	40	HEA E14 Investing in public health care - Improving the care of patients with multiple health issues	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
16.	41	HEA E15 Investing in public health care - Designing activity based management in Canberra's health system	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
17.	42	HEA E16 Investing in public health care - Stroke Foundation partnership	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
18.	43	HEA E17 Investing in public health infrastructure - A new carpark at Canberra Hospital	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
19.	44	HEA E18 Continuing the COVID-19 vaccination program	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
20.	45	HEA E19 Investing in public health care - Continuing harm reduction measures and combating addiction and overdoses	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
21.	46	HEA E20 / HEA E01 Investing in public health care - More services at Calvary Public Hospital	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
22.	47	HEA CW02 Investing in public health infrastructure - Redeveloping the Watson health precinct	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES

23.	48 – 49	HEA CW03 Investing in public health infrastructure - Improving infrastructure at Calvary Public Hospital	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
24.	50	HEA CW04 Investing in Public health infrastructure - Northside hospital development	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
25.	51	JACS E13 ACT Drug and Alcohol Court	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
26.	52	CHE Budget Bid and Strategic indicator	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
27.	53 – 54	Health Portfolio – Capital Initiatives	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
28.	55	COVID-19 Investments	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
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34.	65 – 66	Community Budget Consultations – Outcome	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
35.	67	Savings Targets for Health – 2021-22	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
36.	68 – 74	Mental Health Budget Media Release	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
37.	75 – 76	Key Statistics – ACT Health	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
38.	77 – 81	Health Directorate – Budget Paper 3: Initiatives and Short Descriptions	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
39.	82	Health Staffing Breakdown	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
40.	83 – 84	HEA MH E01 - Investing in public health care - Continuing to support the Home Assessment and Acute Response Team	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
41.	85	HEA MH E02 - Investing in public health care - Continuing Mental Health Detention Exit Community Outreach	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES

42.	86	HEA MH EO3 - Investing in public health care - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander specific mental health services	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
43.	87	HEA MH EO6 - Investing in public health care - Winnunga Health services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander detainees at the AMC	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
44.	88	HEA MH EO7 - Investing in public health care - More support for community delivered mental health	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
45.	89 – 90	CHS MH E01 - Addressing Critical Mental Health Service Demands (HDU and LDU)	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
46.	91 – 92	CHS MH E03 - Investing in public health care - Expanding acute mental health services	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
47.	93 – 94	CHS MH E04 - Investing in public health care - Planning for additional supported accommodation houses	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
48.	95 – 96	MH – COVID-19 Investments	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
49.	97	MH – Commonwealth Funding	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
50.	98 – 106	Additional Community and Mental Health Support Package Attachment A – August 2021 funding package Attachment B – DRAFT September 2021 funding package	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
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53.	111 – 113	COVID-19 – Communications with CALD Communities	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
54.	114 – 115	Health Fact Sheet	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
55.	116 – 118	Latest Quarterly Reporting	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
56.	119 – 121	ED Performance and Timely Care Strategy	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
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60.	132 – 134	COVID-19 - Vaccination rollout	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
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62.	137 – 138	COVID-19 – Public Housing Response	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
63.	139	COVID-19 – Check in CBR	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
64.	140 – 144	COVID-19 Human Right consideration in the making of Public Health Directions	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
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67.	150 – 155	Mental Health Access and Utilisation	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
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69.	158	Youth Navigation Portal	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
70.	159 – 160	COVID-19 and Mental Health	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
71.	161 – 163	Calvary mental health unit COVID changes	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
72.	164 – 165	Mental Health Support Packages	6 – 8 October 2021	Full Release		YES
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**Minister for Health  
2021-22 Budget Day Briefs**

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**Briefs - Budget Specific**

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1.	2021-22 Budget Summary (including summary of ACT Health Initiatives)	ACT Health
2.	Summary of 2021-22 Federal Budget – Impact on ACT Health	ACT Health
3.	Community Budget Consultations	ACT Health
4.	Savings Targets for Health – 2021-22	ACT Health

**General Information**

No.	Title	
5.	Health Budget Media Releases	ACT Health
6.	Key Statistics – ACT Health	ACT Health
7.	Health Directorate – Budget Paper 3: Initiatives and Short Descriptions	ACT Health
8.	Health Staffing Breakdown	ACT Health

**New Initiatives**

**ACT Health Directorate**

No.	Title	
9.	HEA E02 Investing in public health care - Introduction of nursing and midwifery ratios	ACT Health
10.	HEA E03 Continuing the COVID-19 Public Health Response	ACT Health
11.	HEA E05 Investing in public health care - Addressing unmet need in sexual health support for people with disability	ACT Health
12.	HEA E06 Investing in public health care - Implementation of the LGBTIQ+ Scoping Study recommendations	ACT Health
13.	HEA E09 Investing in public health care - Additional palliative care beds at Clare Holland House	ACT Health
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## New Initiatives Canberra Health Services

No.	Title	
25.	CHS E01 Investing in public health care - Additional elective surgeries	CHS
26.	CHS E02 Investing in public health care - Canberra Hospital Emergency Department improvements	CHS
27.	CHS E05 Investing in public health care - Increasing emergency surgery capacity	CHS
28.	CHS E06 Investing in public health care - Additional ICU capacity	CHS
29.	CHS E07 Investing in public health care - More beds in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	CHS
30.	CHS CW01 Investing in public health care - Expanding endoscopy services	CHS
31.	CHS CW02 Investing in public health infrastructure - Constructing a Cancer Research Centre	CHS
32.	CHS CW05 Investing in Public health infrastructure - Canberra Health Services warehouse and logistics facility	CHS

## Other

No.	Title	
33.	JACS E13 ACT Drug and Alcohol Court	JACS
34.	CHE Budget Bid and Strategic indicator	MPC
35.	Health Portfolio – Capital Initiatives	ACT Health

36.	COVID-19 Investments	ACT Health
37.	Supporting Demand for Health Services / Health Funding Sustainability Taskforce	ACT Health
38.	Headline Investments	ACT Health

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**Portfolio:** Health

## 2021-22 Budget Summary

### Talking points:

- Total health portfolio expenses are set to rise to **\$2.123 billion** in 2021-22 (excluding Territorial grants and Health Infrastructure). This represents an increase of \$129.7 million or 6.5 percent on 2020-21.
- Recurrent funding for new initiatives is **\$178.7 million** and **\$689 million** over four years for the health portfolio. This includes
  - \$593.1 million for Canberra Health Services over four years;
  - \$53.3 million for Calvary Public Hospital Bruce (CPHB) over four years.
- New funding for health infrastructure is **\$17.5 million** across the health portfolio and \$57 million over three years to meet the growing needs of our city. This includes \$32.7 million investment at CPHB for critical infrastructure upgrades.
- New initiatives will fund an additional **523 FTE** across the health portfolio in 2021-22 including 229 FTE for COVID-19 Public Health Emergency response and the rollout of the Vaccination Program.
- The 2021-22 Budget includes some small one-off savings targets associated with offsetting COVID-19 costs. In 2021-22, these total \$1.6 million across the ACT Health Directorate and the ACT Local Hospital Network. In addition, the Health Directorate is required to absorb the cost of 18 FTE in the Health Emergency Control Centre (HECC).

### Other Background Information:

- The 2021-22 recurrent funding provides an increase of 6.5 per cent across the health portfolio or an average increase of 2.2 per cent over four years.

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- The four year budget reflects an increase of \$1.3 billion across the health portfolio compared to the previous four years.

**ATTACHMENT A**

<b>Health Portfolio Funding Growth</b>		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Health</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Growth</b>
	<b>\$000's</b>	<b>%</b>
2017-18 Actual	1,597,528	
2018-19 Actual	1,762,167	10.3%
2019-20 Actual	1,894,490	7.5%
2020-21 Actual	1,993,103	5.2%
<i>Previous four year actual</i>	<i>7,247,288</i>	
<b>2021-22 Budget</b>	<b>2,122,749</b>	<b>6.5%</b>
2022-23 Forward Estimate*	2,095,519	-1.3%
2023-24 Forward Estimate	2,140,638	2.2%
2024-25 Forward Estimate	2,172,397	1.5%
<i>Four year estimate</i>	<i>8,531,303</i>	
*The decline reflects cessation of COVID-19 funding in 2022-23.		
Note: Out year funding excludes the Health Central Provision		

**ATTACHMENT B**

<b>Local Hospital Network</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
<b>2021-22 Budget Policy Decisions</b>					
COVID-19 Expanded vaccination program*	14,031	-	-	-	<b>14,031</b>
Lockdown Support - Mental Health Communities*	40	-	-	-	<b>40</b>
COVID-19 Ongoing Response*	17,469	-	-	-	<b>17,469</b>
COVID-19 Ongoing Response - Savings	- 1,562	-	-	-	<b>1,562</b>
Expansion of Palliative Care Services at Clare Holland House Hospice	1,474	4,509	4,772	5,302	<b>16,057</b>
Additional Neonatology Cots	2,468	3,589	4,579	4,646	<b>15,282</b>
Canberra Hospital ICU Expansion	2,373	7,123	9,357	9,501	<b>28,354</b>
Delivering a better Canberra Hospital Emergency Department	5,180	5,833	5,899	5,967	<b>22,879</b>
Delivering more elective surgery	5,385	1,020	266	318	<b>6,989</b>
More Emergency Surgery Capacity	6,752	9,075	11,463	11,666	<b>38,956</b>
More services at Calvary Public Hospital Bruce	3,628	3,951	4,056	4,164	<b>15,799</b>
Calvary Critical Infrastructure	429	495	562	631	<b>2,117</b>
Cancer Research Centre	-	-	68	136	<b>204</b>
Medical Warehouse Relocation	533	480	498	517	<b>2,028</b>
Upgrade of the Endoscopy Rooms at the Canberra Hospital	2,233	-	-	-	<b>2,233</b>
Implementing a Patient Navigation Service*	197	1,794	1,964	2,385	<b>6,340</b>
Introduction of nursing and midwifery ratios*	4,081	14,238	14,625	15,023	<b>47,967</b>
ACT Drug and Alcohol Court*	2,402	2,382	-	-	<b>4,784</b>
Addressing Critical Mental Health Services Demand	9,266	10,578	10,735	10,898	<b>41,477</b>
Continuing to support the Home Assessment and Acute Response Team	1,223	-	-	-	<b>1,223</b>
Commonwealth Redress Scheme	32	33	33	33	<b>131</b>
Community Sector Indexation*	101	102	103	115	<b>421</b>
Funding for the six-week extension of temporary contract positions	988	-	-	-	<b>988</b>
Sustainable Health Fundng - Enhanced Base	75,564	85,240	95,380	105,926	<b>362,110</b>
Model of care for additional supported accommodation houses	184	-	-	-	<b>184</b>
Winnunga Model of Care at the Alexander Maconochie Centre*	128	-	-	-	<b>128</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>154,599</b>	<b>150,442</b>	<b>164,360</b>	<b>177,228</b>	<b>646,629</b>

\* Health initiatives which also have funding in the ACT Health Directorate.

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## ATTACHMENT C

ACT Health Directorate	2021-22 \$'000	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	Total
<b>2021-22 Budget Policy Decisions</b>					
<b>COVID-19</b>					
Continuing the COVID-19 vaccination program*	5,513	-	-	-	5,513
Continuing the COVID-19 Public Health Response*	10,671	-	-	-	10,671
COVID-19 mental health support package	220	-	-	-	220
					-
<b>Investing in public health care</b>					-
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander specific mental health services	250	524	537	651	1,962
Addressing unmet need in sexual health support for people with disability	125	256	263	269	913
Continuing harm reduction measures and combating addiction and overdoses	340	344	147	151	982
Continuing Mental Health Detention Exit Community Outreach	300	308	315	-	923
Designing activity based management in Canberra's health system	566	566	-	-	1,132
Fixed-site pill testing pilot	260	-	-	-	260
Implementation of the LGBTIQ+ Scoping Study recommendations	360	-	-	-	360
Improving the care of patients with multiple health issues*	85	-	-	-	85
Introduction of nursing and midwifery ratios*	292	592	600	608	2,092
Mental Health Discharge Accommodation Program	1,000	1,025	-	-	2,025
More support for community delivered mental health	667	2,758	2,520	2,581	8,526
Stroke Foundation partnership	89	177	177	177	620
Winnunga Health services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander detainees at the Alexander Maconochie Centre*	1,348	-	-	-	1,348
					-
<b>Investing in public health infrastructure</b>					-
Redeveloping the Watson health precinct	253	-	-	-	253
Drug and Alcohol Court - more support*	1,395	1,430	-	-	2,825
More support for community sector organisations*	398	402	405	449	1,654
					-
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,132</b>	<b>8,382</b>	<b>4,964</b>	<b>4,886</b>	<b>42,364</b>

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**ATTACHMENT C**

2021-22 New Capital Investments	2021-22 Budget \$'000	2022-23 Estimate \$'000	2023-24 Estimate \$'000	2024-25 Estimate \$'000	Total Investment
<b>ACT Health Directorate</b>					
COVID-19 - Expanded vaccination program (ICT)	480	-	-	-	480
A new carpark at Canberra Hospital	500	2,500	-	-	3,000
Calvary Infrastructure Upgrades Phase 2	1,270	1,169			2,439
Northside Hospital Development	2,676	7,870	-	-	10,546
Watson Health Precinct Redevelopment	300	-	-	-	300
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>5,226</b>	<b>11,539</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,765</b>
<b>Canberra Health Services</b>					
Fast Track Phase 3	405	-	-	-	405
Improving Canberra's health infrastructure - Calvary Critical Infrastructure	1,200	4,590	4,700	-	10,490
Improving Canberra's health infrastructure - Cancer Research Centre	760	6,285	-	-	7,045
Improving Canberra's health infrastructure - Medical Warehouse Relocation	767	500	-	-	1,267
Improving Canberra's health infrastructure - Upgrade of the Endoscopy Rooms at the Canberra Hospital	175	650	-	-	825
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>3,307</b>	<b>12,025</b>	<b>4,700</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,032</b>
<b>Territorial</b>					
Expansion of Palliative Care Services at Clare Holland House Hospice	46	-	-	-	46
Calvary Critical Infrastructure	8,645	10,171	1,000	-	19,816
Watson Health Precinct Redevelopment	250	-	-	-	250
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>8,941</b>	<b>10,171</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,112</b>
<b>Total New Capital Investment</b>	<b>17,474</b>	<b>33,735</b>	<b>5,700</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,909</b>

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**Summary of 2021-22 Federal Budget – Impact on ACT Health Budget**
**Talking points:**

- The Federal 2021-22 Budget was delivered on 11 May 2021. Announced in this Budget is a national investment of \$121.4 billion in 2021-22 and \$503 billion over the next 4 years and includes commitment to responding to and adapting to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Having committed nationally \$25 billion, an additional \$1.1 billion will further enhance the COVID-19 response and an investment to date of \$7.2 billion for the COVID-19 vaccine rollout.
- Commonwealth funding announced for the ACT included:

	<b>2021-22</b>
	<b>\$M's</b>
<b>National Health Reform &amp; COVID Response Agreements</b>	
NHRA	461.2
Public Health	7.8
COVID-19	5.9
	<b>474.9</b>
Comprehensive Palliative Care	0.2
BreatScreen	~
National Bowel Cancer	0.2
OzFoodNet	0.2
Vaccines-Preventable Diseases	..
Community Health, Hospitals and Infrast	6.5
More Clinical Trials	~
Essential Vaccines	0.7
Public Dental Services for Adults	1.0
Specialist Dementia Care	0.3
Lymphoedema garments and allied health therapy program	..
	<b>484.0</b>

*\* Denotes an amount less than \$0.050m.*

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- The amounts are reflected in the ACT 2021-22 Budget, with the exception of the National Health Reform funding. In addition, COVID-19 funding differs from the Commonwealth budget as the investment of \$5.9 million reflects the commonwealth proportion and estimates at the time of Commonwealth Budget announcement (11 May 2021).
- The following table compares the ACT appropriation to Commonwealth funding for the past and future 4 years.

	Audited Outcome 2017-18 \$000's	Audited Outcome 2018-19 \$000's	Audited Outcome 2019-20 \$000's	Unaudited Outcome 2020-21 \$000's	GBMS * 2021-22 \$000's	GBMS * 2022-23 \$000's	GBMS * 2023-24 \$000's	GBMS * 2024-25 \$000's
ACT Appropriation - LHN	629,747	654,588	868,428	907,735	973,456	954,194	957,480	942,125
ACT Appropriation - ACTHD	265,993	295,569	226,778	249,100	274,523	254,638	250,532	252,553
LHN Commonwealth Revenue	385,581	413,437	469,732	465,619	516,958	511,779	545,045	580,473
Other Commonwealth NPAs	2,294	7,855	9,470	34,188	7,982	10,132	5,021	1,021
<b>Total Health</b>								
ACT Share	70%	69%	69%	69%	70%	70%	69%	67%
Commonwealth Share	30%	31%	31%	31%	30%	30%	31%	33%
<b>Hospital (LHN)</b>								
ACT Share	62%	61%	65%	66%	65%	65%	64%	62%
Commonwealth Share	38%	39%	35%	34%	35%	35%	36%	38%

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**Portfolio:** Health & Wellbeing**ISSUE: Community Budget Consultations: Outcome****Talking points:**

- The annual Budget consultation process provides Canberrans, community groups and local organisations with an opportunity to suggest how and where the ACT Government should invest funding to boost services and infrastructure. The 2021-22 Budget Consultation period was open from 1 April to 28 June 2021.
- Where possible, Community budget submissions have been addressed through the 2021-22 budget. However, priority for the ACT Government in the 2021-22 Budget is a continued response to COVID-19 and vaccination targets.
- Health and mental health services received the highest degree of commentary overall through submissions and responses to survey questionnaires.
- This year the *Your Say* survey included health influenced question, such as, *what more can the ACT Government do to improve community wellbeing in Canberra?* with majority of respondents mentioning health.
- Common themes across health-related submissions and surveys included:
  - hospital upgrades,
  - alcohol and other drugs,
  - suicide prevention,
  - reduced wait times,
  - children and young people,
  - walk-in-centres,
  - bulk-billing GPs,
  - perinatal and maternity,
  - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health,
  - LGBTIQ+ health, and

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- palliative care.
- The community budget proposals that correlate to 2021-22 Budget initiatives are described below:

### **Hospital Upgrades**

- This budget provides investment in key infrastructure projects for ACT health facilities, including:
  - the continuation of planning and design works for a new northside hospital,
  - essential infrastructure upgrades at Calvary Public Hospital Bruce, and
  - commencement of early works of the Canberra Hospital Master Plan, which will deliver major expansion of the Canberra Hospital.

### **Alcohol & Other Drugs**

- This budget will fund a range of programs relating to harm minimisation responses to illicit drugs and alcohol including:
  - partnering with Winnunga Nimmityjah to plan and design an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential alcohol and rehabilitation facility and review options to replace existing facilities,
  - fixed-site pill testing service, and
  - continuing services within the Drug and Alcohol Court (DAC) program.

### **Suicide Prevention**

- This budget provides funding to support the demand for mental health services in the community, acute services, sub-acute services and enhancing specialist mental health services.
- supports the delivery of timely, supportive, and accessible mental health programs for people in the ACT, targeting early intervention to provide better health outcomes.

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- A key focus will be meeting the health needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, through the establishment of a culturally appropriate Suicide Prevention Service, support for the continued delivery of the Detention Exit Community Outreach program and meeting the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander detainees at the Alexander Machonchie Centre (AMC), through the Winnunga Model of Care.

### **Hospital Services**

- Support for activity growth at Calvary Public Hospital to meet service demands for Canberra's growing northside population.

### **Background Information**

- Please refer to GBC21/352 for detailed listing and analysis of all community budget consultation proposals.

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**Portfolio:** Health

## 2021-22 Savings Targets

### Talking points:

- In 2021-22, savings targets are applied across ACT Government Directorates, relating to Whole of Government Response to COVID-19 initiatives.
- A \$1.6 million savings target is applicable to the Health portfolio.
- In addition the ACT Health Directorate are required to offset 18 FTE in 2021-22 in the Health Emergency Control Centre (HECC).

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**Portfolio/s: Health**
**Key General Statistics – August 2021 – ACT Health Directorate**
**Table 1: ACT Health Directorate staff numbers<sup>(1)(2)</sup>**

	2018-19	2019-20	Change (%)
Full-time equivalent	539.5	613.1	13.7
Headcount	567	651	14.8

**Sources**

(1) ACT Health Directorate Annual Report 2019-20, Table 35.

(2) ACT Health Directorate Annual Report 2018-19, Table 15.

**Table 2: ACT public health services – overall activity and performance<sup>(3)</sup>**

	YTD 2019-20 (Q3)	YTD 2020-21 (Q3)	change	Q4 2019-20	Q1 2020-21	Q2 2020-21	Q3 2020-21
<b>Walk-in Centres</b>							
Number of presentations to Walk-in Centres	56,985	50,741	-11%	9,516	12,401	18,936	19,404
<b>COVID-19 Testing Centres</b>							
Number of presentations to COVID-19 Testing Centres	1,620	133,591	8,146.4 %	21,424	52,327	36,664	44,600
<b>Emergency department</b>							
<i>Number of presentations by hospital</i>							
Canberra Hospital	69,187	68,848	-0.5%	18,201	21,818	24,213	22,816
Calvary Public Hospital Bruce	42,361	44,272	4.5%	11,271	13,821	15,586	14,866
<b>Total</b>	<b>111,548</b>	<b>113,120</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>29,472</b>	<b>35,639</b>	<b>39,799</b>	<b>37,682</b>
<i>Number of presentations by triage category</i>							
1—Resuscitation	794	714	-10.1%	226	224	259	231
2—Emergency	13,360	13,633	2.0%	3,809	4,194	4,869	4,570
3—Urgent	50,211	47,005	-6.4%	12,844	15,732	16,770	14,503
4—Semi-urgent	40,246	42,873	6.5%	10,746	13,151	14,799	14,923
5—Non-urgent	6,937	8,895	28.2%	1,847	2,338	3,102	3,455
<b>Total</b>	<b>111,548</b>	<b>113,120</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>29,472</b>	<b>35,639</b>	<b>39,799</b>	<b>37,682</b>
<i>Percentage of patients seen on time by triage category<sup>1</sup></i>							
1—Resuscitation	99.9%	100.0%	0.1	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
2—Emergency	77.4%	77.4%	3.2	78.8%	78.7%	76.5%	76.5%
3—Urgent	27.6%	36.4%	8.8	57.3%	43.0%	32.7%	33.4%
4—Semi-urgent	43.0%	49.1%	6.1	77.1%	58.4%	44.0%	45.7%
5—Non-urgent	79.9%	81.5%	1.6	97.8%	88.6%	79.6%	78.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>42.6%</b>	<b>50.2%</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>70.1%</b>	<b>56.2%</b>	<b>46.5%</b>	<b>48.1%</b>
<i>Proportion of presentations with a length of stay of 4 hours or less<sup>2</sup></i>							
Canberra Hospital	52.0%	53.5%	2.2	62.2%	55.3%	52.2%	53.1%
Calvary Public Hospital Bruce	61.9%	64.1%	3.5	68.1%	66.8%	63.1%	62.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>55.8%</b>	<b>57.6%</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>64.5%</b>	<b>59.8%</b>	<b>56.5%</b>	<b>56.9%</b>

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	YTD 2019-20	YTD 2020-21	change	Q4 2019-20	Q1 2020-21	Q2 2020-21	Q3 2020-21
<b>Elective surgery waiting lists</b>							
<i>Number of patients waiting longer than clinically recommended at end of period</i>	889	978	10.0%	1,317	1,013	1,090	978
<i>Percentage of elective surgery procedures performed within clinically recommended timeframes</i>							
Urgency 1 (see within 30 days)	97.1%	98.5%	1.4	98.3%	98.3%	98.9%	98.2%
Urgency 2 (see within 90 days)	67.9%	62.8%	-7.5	48.6%	60.3%	68.4%	60.3%
Urgency 3 (see within 365 days)	75.8%	72.5%	-4.4	77.0%	70.7%	74.9%	72.2%
<i>Total number of elective surgery procedures</i>	10,420	11,313	8.6%	2,448	3,982	3,601	3,729
<i>Additions to the elective surgery waiting list</i>	12,319	12,619	2.4%	3,097	4,300	4,138	4,032
<b>Separations from public hospitals</b>							
<i>Number of inpatient separations</i>							
Same day	45,243	48,774	7.8%	13,642	15,966	16,378	16,432
Overnight	43,319	43,977	1.5%	12,703	14,838	14,838	14,301
<b>Total</b>	<b>88,562</b>	<b>92,751</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>26,345</b>	<b>30,804</b>	<b>31,216</b>	<b>30,733</b>

**Source**

(3) ACT Public Health Services Quarterly Performance Report (four most recent reports to Quarter 3, 2020-21)

**Table 3: ACT public health services – mental health activity and performance<sup>(4)</sup>**

	Q2, 2020-21 (bed days)	Q3, 2020-21 (bed days)	Change (%)
<i>Mental health overnight bed days of care</i>			
Canberra Hospital	5,735	4,943	-13.8
Calvary Public Hospital Bruce	3,314	3,257	-1.7
University of Canberra Hospital	1,599	2,032	27.1
<b>ACT total</b>	<b>10,648</b>	<b>10,232</b>	<b>-3.9</b>
<i>Average length of stay for mental health overnight patients</i>			
Canberra Hospital	13.3	10.9	-18.0
Calvary Public Hospital Bruce	20.6	19.6	-4.9
University of Canberra Hospital	53.3	59.8	12.2
<b>ACT total</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>-8.2</b>

**Source**

(4) ACT Public Health Services Quarterly Performance Report (two most recent reports to Quarter 3, 2020-21)

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**Portfolio:** Health**Health Portfolio – Budget Paper 3 – Recurrent & Capital Initiative Short Description**

Note: Recurrent and Capital will be combined in this years Budget

Note: these are **draft from Treasury as** at 3 October 2021

**Talking points:****HEALTH PORTFOLIO AGENCIES**

Health services in the ACT are delivered by two distinct agencies:

- The ACT Health Directorate is responsible for the stewardship of the health system, providing policy and population health capability, with a focus on developing strategies and direction setting to ensure services meet community needs and expectations, and delivering improved health outcomes through an innovative health system, that is effective and sustainable now and into the future; and
- Canberra Health Services focuses on the delivery of front-line services including the administration of Canberra’s public hospitals, Walk-in centres and community health centres.

Due to the structure of the health agencies, most of the initiatives listed below will be delivered by both. For ease of reading, the initiative funding profiles for the separate agencies have been combined under each initiative.

The Government will commit an additional \$461 million over four years in this Budget to provide added resourcing in response to growing demand for core services across the ACT public health system and the increased complexity of health service delivery.

This brings the forecast for total health services expenditure over the next four years to \$8.5 billion.

A Health Funding Envelope is used to provide funding certainty for both Health agencies, regardless of changes in Commonwealth funding and other sources of income. The operating costs associated with new health facilities are also funded from the envelope which includes annual indexation for price growth as well as growth in activity.

Many initiatives contained in this Budget are offset against this investment as can be identified in the initiative description financial tables. A component of this new funding will be provisioned to provide capacity for future health service expansion and to meet future funding needs and support improved efficiency of service delivery.

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**Better care in the community – Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
 Islander specific mental health services**


	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses	500	524	537	651	<b>2,212</b>
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-250	-524	-537	-651	<b>-1,962</b>
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>250</b>

The Government will provide ongoing funding for a culturally appropriate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Program that focusses on community-based suicide prevention, intervention, postvention and aftercare.

This initiative builds on the pilot for a targeted support service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders experiencing mental and emotional distress in a culturally safe manner, which was part of the 2020-21 COVID-19 Mental Health Support Package.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domains of Health and Access and connectivity.

**Better care in the community – Addressing unmet need in  
 sexual health support for people with disability**


	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses	125	256	263	269	<b>913</b>
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-125	-256	-263	-269	<b>-913</b>
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

The Government will provide ongoing funding for Sexual Health and Family Planning ACT to provide sexual health education, information and support services for people with disability.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domain of Health.

**Better care in the community – Continuing the Mental Health  
 Detention Exit Community Outreach program**


	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses	300	308	315	0	<b>923</b>
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-300	-308	-315	0	<b>-923</b>
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

The Government will continue the expanded Detention Exit Community Outreach (DECO) program for a further three years. DECO provides short-term intensive transitional support services, of up to 18 months, for individuals with a diagnosed mental illness who are exiting detention.

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This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domains of Health and Access and connectivity.

**Better care in the community – Continuing the Mental Health Discharge Accommodation Program**



	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses	1,000	1,025	0	0	2,025
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-1,000	-1,025	0	0	-2,025
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

The Government will support the Mental Health Foundation ACT to continue the Mental Health Discharge Accommodation Program pilot for a further two years. This will enable the development of a more comprehensive data set to evaluate the program.

The pilot program, which was part of the 2020-21 COVID-19 Mental Health Support Package, currently provides transitional supported accommodation for those discharged from the Adult Mental Health Unit that are at risk of homelessness.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domains of Health and Access and connectivity.

**Better care in the community – Continuing to support the Home Assessment and Acute Response Team**



	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses	1,223	0	0	0	1,223
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-1,223	0	0	0	-1,223
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

The Government will continue support for the Home Assessment and Acute Response Team (HAART) program, which provides urgent mental health assessment and intervention, helping to reduce hospital admissions.

This initiative builds on funding initially provided through the COVID-19 Mental Health Support Package.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domain of Health.

### Better care in the community – Expansion of palliative care services at Clare Holland House Hospice



	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses	1,474	4,509	4,772	5,302	16,057
Expenses – Capital Grant	46	0	0	0	46
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-1,474	-4,509	-4,772	-5,302	-16,057
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>46</b>

The Government will provide funding to support an increase in home-based palliative care services as well as supporting five new inpatient beds at Clare Holland House.

This initiative builds on the recent expansion of Clare Holland House, jointly funded by the Commonwealth Government, the Snow Foundation and the ACT Government.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domain of Health.

### Better care in the community – Implementation of the LGBTIQ+ Scoping Study recommendations



	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses	360	0	0	0	360
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-360	0	0	0	-360
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

The Government will develop a detailed implementation plan and begin to deliver on the recommendations from the final report of the ACT Health Directorate’s LGBTIQ+ Health Scoping Study. Specific funding is committed to partner with the LGBTIQ+ community to finalise development of a model of care to deliver a gender-focused peer-led health service – a key priority of the scoping study recommendations.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domain of Health.

### Better care in the community – More support for community delivered mental health



	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses	667	2,758	2,520	2,581	8,526
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-667	-2,758	-2,520	-2,581	-8,526
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

The Government will provide funding to community organisations for mental health programs targeting early intervention, including the Moderated Online Social Therapy program (MOST), Catholic Care’s Youth & Wellbeing program and the Parentline counselling service.

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This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domains of Health and Access and connectivity.

### Better care in the community – Planning for additional supported accommodation houses



	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses	184	0	0	0	184
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-184	0	0	0	-184
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

The Government will develop a model of care to assist in the future development of supported accommodation for people living mental health challenges.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domain of Health.

### COVID-19 Response – Continuing the COVID-19 Public Health support package



	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses – ACT Health Directorate	17,318	0	0	0	17,318
Expenses – ACT Local Hospital Network	34,937	0	0	0	34,937
Expenses – CMTEDD	6,266	0	0	0	6,266
Expenses – Community Services Directorate	509	0	0	0	509
Expenses – Education Directorate	2,947	0	0	0	2,947
Expenses – Justice and Community Safety Directorate	2,400	0	0	0	2,400
Expenses – TCCS	1,098	0	0	0	1,098
Offset – Expenses	-287	0	0	0	-287
Offset – Expenses – Provision	-16,593	0	0	0	-16,593
Offset – Savings	-6,000	0	0	0	-6,000
Offset – Commonwealth revenue	-28,289	0	0	0	-28,289
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>14,306</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14,306</b>

The Government will continue the COVID-19 public health response through 2021-22.

This initiative continues support for the Health Emergency Control Centre, the Public Information Co-ordination Centre, quarantine and compliance activities, hospital and testing services, additional cleaning of public schools and public transport, the Community Services Directorate Pandemic Response Team, and the Office of the COVID-19 Coordinator-General.

This initiative will be funded through a cost sharing arrangement between the Commonwealth and the Territory.

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This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domain of Health.

### COVID-19 Response – Expanded COVID-19 Vaccination program



	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Capital	480	0	0	0	480
Depreciation	36	48	48	48	180
Expenses	22,464	0	0	0	22,464
Offset – Commonwealth revenue	-2,920	0	0	0	-2,920
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>19,580</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>19,724</b>

The Government will expand the COVID-19 vaccination program in 2021-22 to support vaccinations for any eligible member of the public. This initiative will be funded through a cost sharing arrangement between the Commonwealth and the Territory.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domain of Health.

### COVID-19 Response – Mental health support package



	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses	3,862	0	0	0	3,862
Offset – COVID-19 Response Fund	-3,602	0	0	0	-3,602
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>260</b>

The Government will support the delivery of additional mental health services to Canberrans affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and associated lockdowns. This assistance builds on funding the Government provided to a range of community-based mental health programs as part of the 2020-21 COVID-19 Mental Health Support Package and complements the additional support package funded through the 2021-22 COVID-19 Response Fund.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domain of Health.

### Expanding critical public hospital services – Additional ICU capacity



	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses	2,373	7,123	9,357	9,501	28,354
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-2,373	-7,123	-9,357	-9,501	-28,354
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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The Government will establish four additional Intensive Care beds at the Canberra Hospital by 2023-24 to meet increased demand.

This initiative builds on the physical expansion of Intensive Care Unit capacity at the Canberra Hospital with funding from the Commonwealth through the Community Health and Hospitals Program.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domain of Health.

### Expanding critical public hospital services – Additional neonatology cots



	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses	2,468	3,589	4,579	4,646	15,282
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-2,468	-3,589	-4,579	-4,646	-15,282
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

The Government will deliver two additional intensive care cots to meet increased demand in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of the Centenary Hospital for Women and Children.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domain of Health.

### Expanding critical public hospital services – Delivering a better Canberra Hospital Emergency Department



	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses	5,180	5,833	5,899	5,967	22,879
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-5,180	-5,833	-5,899	-5,967	-22,879
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

The Government will expand the capacity of the Canberra Hospital Emergency Department to better respond to service demand pressures and support contemporary models of care. The funding will enable the expansion of the existing Emergency Medical Unit, increase the medical and nursing workforce, including the introduction of a Medical Navigator, and establish an Acute Medical Unit.

This initiative continues support for improved access to care and reduced waiting times across the Territory.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domain of Health.

**Expanding critical public hospital services – Delivering more elective surgeries**


	2021-22 \$'000	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	Total \$'000
Expenses	5,385	1,020	266	318	6,989
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-5,385	-1,020	-266	-318	-6,989
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

The Government will deliver more elective surgeries in 2021-22 and establish the Enhanced Recovery After Surgery Program to facilitate improved recovery. It will also develop feasibility and design options for the Northside Elective Surgery Centre at the University of Canberra to expand health infrastructure in Canberra's North.

This initiative builds on significant investments Government has made since 2017-18 to deliver more elective surgeries.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domain of Health.

**Expanding critical public hospital services – More emergency surgery capacity**


	2021-22 \$'000	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	Total \$'000
Expenses	6,752	9,075	11,463	11,666	38,956
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-6,752	-9,075	-11,463	-11,666	-38,956
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

The Government will increase emergency surgery capacity and post-surgery care to support growing demand until the Canberra Hospital Expansion is operational.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domain of Health.

**Expanding critical public hospital services – More services at Calvary Public Hospital Bruce**


	2021-22 \$'000	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	Total \$'000
Expenses	3,628	3,951	4,056	4,164	15,799
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-3,628	-3,951	-4,056	-4,164	-15,799
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

The Government will increase funding for Calvary Public Hospital Bruce to support the delivery of more critical hospital services in Canberra's North. This funding includes delivering a better emergency department with 24/7 operation of the medical imaging service from October 2021.

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### Improving Canberra's health infrastructure – A new carpark at Canberra Hospital



	2021-22 \$'000	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	Total \$'000
Capital	500	2,500	0	0	3,000

The Government will undertake feasibility and design work for a new multi-storey carpark at the Canberra Hospital. This is a key element of the Canberra Hospital Master Plan and will complement work already underway on the campus as part of the Canberra Hospital Expansion project.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domain of Health.

### Improving Canberra's health infrastructure – Calvary critical infrastructure



	2021-22 \$'000	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	Total \$'000
Capital	2,470	5,759	4,700	0	12,929
Depreciation	0	0	348	872	1,220
Expenses	429	495	562	631	2,117
Expenses – Capital grant	10,000	10,171	1,000	0	21,171
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-429	-495	-562	-631	-2,117
Offset – Expenses – Provision	-1,355	0	0	0	-1,355
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>8,645</b>	<b>10,171</b>	<b>1,348</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>21,036</b>

The Government will support a range of infrastructure upgrades at Calvary Public Hospital Bruce, including the redevelopment and expansion of sterilising services to meet increased demand and upgrades to the IT systems in preparation for implementation of the Digital Health Record (MyDHR).

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domain of Health.

### Improving Canberra's health infrastructure – Canberra Health Services warehouse and logistics facility



	2021-22 \$'000	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	Total \$'000
Capital	767	500	0	0	1,267
Depreciation	0	85	85	85	255
Expenses	533	480	498	517	2,028
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-533	-480	-498	-517	-2,028
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>255</b>

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The Government will provide funding for a long-term lease of a new and expanded medical inventory warehouse to ensure continued compliance with National Safety and Quality Health Service standards.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domain of Health.

### Improving Canberra's health infrastructure – Cancer Research Centre



	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Capital	760	6,285	0	0	7,045
Offset – Better Infrastructure Fund	0	-250	0	0	-250
<b>Net Capital</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>6,035</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,795</b>
Depreciation	0	0	170	170	340
Expenses	0	0	68	136	204
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	0	0	-68	-136	-204
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>340</b>

The Government will establish a new Cancer Research Centre at the Canberra Region Cancer Centre, Canberra Hospital. The Centre will improve the quality of cancer care in the ACT through better specialist translational research, which will enable more rapid introduction of new treatments.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domain of Health.

### Improving Canberra's health infrastructure – Expanding endoscopy services



	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Capital	175	650	0	0	825
Expenses	2,233	0	0	0	2,233
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-2,233	0	0	0	-2,233
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

The Government will support an immediate capacity increase to endoscopy services in 2021 and undertake feasibility and design work for expansion and refurbishment of the existing endoscopy suites at the Canberra Hospital.

This initiative builds on the investment made in 2020-21 to increase endoscopy procedures as part of the recovery activity of the COVID-19 Response.

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**Improving Canberra's health infrastructure – Northside hospital development**


	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Capital – Health	2,676	7,870	0	0	10,546
Capital – Major Projects	1,334	1,641	0	0	2,975
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>4,010</b>	<b>9,511</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,521</b>
Offset – Existing funding	-908	0	0	0	-908

The Government will continue planning and design work for future hospital infrastructure in Canberra's north.

This initiative builds on the Government's investments to increase the nursing and midwifery workforces.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domain of Health.

**Improving our public health system – Activity based management**


	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses	566	566	0	0	1,132
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-566	-566	0	0	-1,132
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

The Government will provide funding for the design of an Activity Based Management program to support an improvement in resource allocation and reporting on health services across the Territory.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domain of Health.

**Improving our public health system – Expanding acute mental health services**


	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses	9,266	10,578	10,735	10,898	41,477
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-9,266	-10,578	-10,735	-10,898	-41,477
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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The Government will establish 10 additional acute mental health inpatient beds at the Canberra Hospital in the refurbished Ward 12B and provide funding for additional High Dependency capacity at the Adult Mental Health Unit to meet increased demand for mental health treatment.

The Government will also extend mental health surge capacity at Calvary Public Hospital Bruce by three months.

This initiative builds on the recent expansion of Ward 12B, funded as part of the Community Health and Hospitals Program. These combined investments ensure that people receive the right treatment for their level of need and acuity across our mental health system.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domain of Health.

### Improving our public health system – Implementing a patient navigation service



	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses	282	1,794	1,964	2,385	6,425
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-282	-1,794	-1,964	-2,385	-6,425
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

The Government will establish a Patient Navigation Service to better coordinate care across the health system for people with chronic and complex conditions, or who are vulnerable or disadvantaged. The program will commence with a Paediatric Liaison and Navigation Service, and scoping and implementation of a broader patient navigation service.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domain of Health.

### Improving our public health system – Reducing the impact of stroke



	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses	89	177	177	177	620
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-89	-177	-177	-177	-620
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

The Government will support the Stroke Foundation to deliver the Follow-Up program that aims to connect stroke survivors and carers with services and support, and to implement the specialist Face Arms Speech Time (F.A.S.T.) education program.

The funding will also enable the Government's participation in the Australian Stroke Clinical Registry – a national effort to monitor, promote and improve the quality of acute stroke care.

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**Improving our public health system – Introduction of nursing and midwifery ratios**


	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses	4,373	14,830	15,225	15,631	50,059
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-4,373	-14,830	-15,225	-15,631	-50,059
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

The Government will deliver the first stage of a phased introduction of minimum nurse/midwifery-to-patient ratios at the Canberra Hospital and Calvary Public Hospital Bruce, following approval of the new Nursing and Midwifery Enterprise Agreement.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domain of Health.

**Improving our public health system – Winnunga Health services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander detainees at the AMC**


	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses – Health	1,476	0	0	0	1,476
Expense – Justice and Community Safety	838	0	0	0	838
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-1,476	0	0	0	-1,476
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>838</b>

The Government will provide funding to support the continuation of Winnunga’s holistic model of health service delivery to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander detainees at the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC).

This initiative builds on Government actions in response to the *2016 Moss Review*, including the initial funding provided in 2017-18 to integrate Winnunga’s model of care at the AMC.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domains of Health and Access and connectivity.

**More alcohol and other drug services – Fixed-site pill testing pilot**


	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses	260	0	0	0	260
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-260	0	0	0	-260
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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The Government will support a six-month pilot for a fixed-site pill testing service to determine service demand and community support for a future permanent fixed-site pill testing service in the Territory.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domain of Health.

**More alcohol and other drug services – Reducing harm from addiction and overdoses**



	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses	340	344	147	151	982
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-340	-344	-147	-151	-982
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

The Government will expand the existing Needle and Syringe Program and explore options for a Medically Supervised Injecting Facility, including a suitable service model and a potential location.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domain of Health.

**More alcohol and other drug services – Watson Health Precinct redevelopment**



	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Capital	300	0	0	0	300
Expenses	503	0	0	0	503
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-503	0	0	0	-503
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

The Government will commence design work on the redevelopment of the Watson Health Precinct to deliver a world class, community-led alcohol and other drug and mental health treatment precinct for those most in need.

The funding will provide for preliminary design of a new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential alcohol and other drug rehabilitation facility. It will also support design work for the redevelopment of the Ted Noffs Foundation and CatholicCare facilities currently located on the site.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domain of Health.

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### Health Staffing Breakdown

- The ACT Government committed to hire at least 400 new clinical staff, including nurses, doctors and healthcare professionals, to provide more healthcare services as our city grows.
- The impact of 2020-21 and 2021-22 new initiatives (across the Health portfolio, including Calvary Public Hospital) shows progress towards this goal by the end of 2021-22 is programmed to be 344 FTE. However, this includes a significant number of COVID-19 related positions that will likely cease towards the end of the 2021-22 financial.
- Excluding these time limited positions, the number of health professional employees over the two financial years is approximately 257 FTE – 17 doctors, 194 nurses and 47 allied health, as below:

	<b>Excl. non-ongoing initiatives*</b>	<b>Incl. non-ongoing initiatives*</b>
Doctors	17	24
Nurses**	194	250
Allied Health	47	70
<b>Total</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>344</b>

\* such as COVID-19 response and vaccination program, as these staff are not expected to continue into 2022-23.

\*\* Includes 90 FTE for the Nurse Ratio initiative, notwithstanding the 90 won't be employed for the full financial year. The annualised figure is 28 FTE.

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- The number of ACT Health Directorate (only) employees funded from 2021-22 new initiatives is 147 FTE, as below:

Initiative	FTE 2021-22
Introduction of nursing and midwifery ratios	1.5
COVID-19 Response	94.0
Patient Navigation Service (Empowering patients for better healthcare)	0.5
Implementation of ABM in the ACT Health System	2.0
COVID-19 Vaccination Program	41.5
Northside Hospital Development	7.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>147.1</b>

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**HEA E02 - Improving our public health system – Introduction of nursing and midwifery ratios**

	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Nurses	4,081	14,238	14,625	15,023	47,967
Implementation team	292	592	600	608	2,093
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>4,373</b>	<b>14,830</b>	<b>15,225</b>	<b>15,631</b>	<b>50,059</b>
<b>FTE</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>93</b>	

**Talking points**

- The Government will deliver the first stage of a phased introduction of minimum nursing and midwifery to patient ratios at Canberra Health Services and Calvary Public Hospital Bruce, focusing on General Medical, General Surgical, Acute Aged Care and the Adult Mental Health Unit.
- The first stage will see more than 90 additional nurses and employed across our two public health facilities.
- Ratios is a process of organising care of patients to mandated number of nurses and midwives every shift.
- Ratios mean that nurses and midwives have more time to spend with patients providing direct clinical care.
- The implementation team, an additional 3 FTE, will commence in the ACT Chief Nursing and Midwifery Office to implement, monitor and evaluate this program.
- The introduction of nursing and midwifery ratios was a 2020 Labor party election commitment.

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**HEA E03 - COVID-19 Response – Continuing the COVID-19 Public Health support package**

	2021-22 \$'000	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	Total \$'000
<b>Expense</b>					
ACT Health Directorate	15,318	0	0	0	<b>15,318</b>
ACT Local Hospital Network	34,937	0	0	0	<b>34,937</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>50,255</b>				<b>50,255</b>
<b>Commonwealth Revenue</b>	-24,087	0	0	0	<b>-24,087</b>
<b>FTE</b>	<b>229.5</b>	-	-	-	<b>229.5</b>

**Talking points**

- In 2021-22, the health portfolio will continue the COVID-19 public health response. This initiative will be funded through a cost sharing arrangement between the Commonwealth and the Territory. The Territory will partner with the Commonwealth through an investment of \$63.5 million to support the ACT community, including \$50.3 million for direct health response.
- This initiative continues to support:
  - the Health Emergency Control Centre (HECC) to be able to maintain suppression of the virus within our borders, continued outbreak response, manage exemptions and provide COVID-19 policy advice, contact tracing and quarantine activities;
  - compliance activities relating to industry including registered food businesses, public pools and spas, licensed infection control premises (i.e. beauty salons, tattoo parlours) and places of worship; and
  - testing at facilities across Canberra, treatment of patients presenting with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 admissions, pathology, screening and the coordination of the clinical response, capability and capacity across ACT Hospitals.
- Costs are offset by estimated revenue through the National Partnership on COVID-19 Response Agreement.
- In response to the allocation of additional COVID-19 funding, one-off savings of \$6.0 million have been applied across ACT Government agencies.

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## Health Breakdown:

	2021-22 \$'000	FTE impacts
<b>ACT Health Directorate</b>		
HECC *	12,936	80
HPS Compliance	617	4
PPE *	300	-
Other Quarantine methods	1,465	10
<b>ACTHD total</b>	<b>15,318</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>LHN</b>		
Testing and ED treatment (CHS) *	32,911	134.2
Calvary Public testing and treatment *	1,000	-
CHECC *	1,026	1.3
<b>LHN Total</b>	<b>34,937</b>	<b>135.5</b>

\* Eligible for Commonwealth NPCR revenue

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**Portfolio:** Health

**HEA E05 - Better care in the community – Addressing unmet need in sexual health support for people with disability**

	2021-22 \$'000	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	Total \$'000
Expense	125	256	263	269	913
FTE	-	-	-	-	

**Talking points**

- The Government will provide funding to Sexual Health and Family Planning ACT (SHFPCT) to provide sexual health education, information and support services for people with disability.
- The initiative will:
  - Provide sexual education directly to young people with disability (a service that is not covered under most NDIS agreements);
  - Provide assistance and support to teaching staff in their delivery of sexual health education to students with disability (SHFPACT has significant expertise in providing sexual education to people with disabilities and their expertise augments the sexual health teaching delivered under the curriculum by ACT Education Directorate);
  - Provide sexual health information and assistance to parents as the primary care giver of young people with disability; and
  - Upskill disability service providers to be able to adequately support the sexual health of people with disability.
- Several services delivered by SHFPACT in this area are not funded by the NDIS resulting in gap in various services relating to sexual health in people with disability.

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**Portfolio:** Health

**HEA E06 - Better care in the community – Implementation of the LGBTIQ+ scoping study recommendations**

	2021-22 \$'000	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	Total \$'000
Expense	360	-	-	-	360
FTE	-	-	-	-	-

**Talking points**

- The Government will provide funding for the development of a model of care for gender-focused health services, to be undertaken through collaboration with NGOs and LGBTIQ+ stakeholders. The Government will also develop a detailed implementation plan for recommendations from the final report of the ACT Health Directorate's LGBTIQ+ Health Scoping Study.
- A gender-focused health service in Canberra would address the growing need for specialised services for transgender or gender-diverse (TGD) people in the ACT, including for TGD children and young people.

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**Portfolio:** Health

**HEA E09 - Better care in the community – Expansion of palliative care services at Clare Holland House Hospice**

	2021-22 \$'000	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	Total \$'000
Expenses	1,474	4,509	4,772	5,302	16,057
Capital	46	-	-	-	46
Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
<b>FTE*</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>33.4</b>	-

**Talking points**

- The Government will expand inpatient and home-based palliative care services provided through the Clare Holland House Hospice (CHH) following the recent expansion of Clare Holland House.
- This initiative will fund increases to staffing for the Home Based Palliative Care service for an additional nursing and allied health staff.
- The recent expansion at CHH was jointly funded by the Commonwealth Government, the Snow Foundation and the ACT Government. This initiative will operationalise additional beds and services following that expansion.
- Five additional beds will be funded at CHH by 2024-25, with the operation of an additional two inpatient beds from January 2022 and an additional one inpatient bed becoming operational in each of the outyears.

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**Portfolio:** Health

**HEA E12 - More alcohol and other drug services – Fixed-site pill testing pilot**

	2021-22 \$'000	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	Total \$'000
Expense	260	-	-	-	260
FTE	-	-	-	-	

**Talking points**

- The Government will support a six-month pilot program for a fixed-site pill testing service to determine service demand and community support for a future permanent fixed-site pill testing service in the Territory.
- A central testing site, in the entertainment precinct is yet to be identified.
- The time period will allow the pilot to operate over expected peak demand and allow time for co-design and evaluation of outcomes for Government's consideration.
- The pilot will be developed with leading experts including at the ANU and Harm Minimisation Australia.

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**Portfolio:** Health

**HEA E14 - Improving our health system – Implementing a patient navigation service**

	<b>2021-22</b> <b>\$'000</b>	<b>2022-23</b> <b>\$'000</b>	<b>2023-24</b> <b>\$'000</b>	<b>2024-25</b> <b>\$'000</b>	<b>Total</b> <b>\$'000</b>
Patient Navigation Service	85	1,031	1,109	1,295	<b>3,520</b>
Paediatric Liaison and Navigation Service	197	763	856	1,090	<b>2,906</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>1,794</b>	<b>1,964</b>	<b>2,385</b>	<b>6,425</b>
<b>FTE</b>	1.75	10.5	11.5	14.25	

**Talking points**

- The Government will provide funding to establish a Patient Navigation Service to better coordinate care across the health system for people with chronic and complex conditions, or who are vulnerable or disadvantaged.
- The program will commence with a Paediatric Liaison and Navigation Service, and scoping and implementation of a broader patient navigation service.
- The Paediatric Liaison and Navigation Service will help to coordinate care within the health system and assist families to navigate the complexities of shared care with interstate hospital or health services.
- This initiative builds on recent Government actions in this area since 2017-18, including the development of a Patient Navigation framework and support for the Health Care Consumers' Association engagement with vulnerable members of the community.

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**Portfolio:** Health

**HEA E15 - Improving our health system – Activity based management**

	2021-22 \$'000	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	Total \$'000
Expenses	566	566	-	-	<b>1,132</b>
FTE	2.0	1.5	-	-	

**Talking points**

- The Government will provide funding for the design of an Activity Based Management program to support improvement in resource allocation and reporting of health services across the Territory.
- Activity based Funding, was introduced nationally in 2009, it is an integral part of ABM, provides a powerful incentive for hospitals to perform as efficiently as possible, maximising value of services provided for the available funds.
- The ACT implemented a partial ABM system which has been in operation since the introduction of the National Health Reform Agreement (NHRA) in 2011.
- The partial implementation of ABM in the ACT effectively means part of the architecture required for ABM is already in place. The primary focus of the design phase of the transition to ABM will involve assessing each element of the current system architecture to ensure it is ready for the ABM.

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**Portfolio:** Health

**HEA E16 - Improving our health system – Reducing the impact of stroke**

	2021-22 \$'000	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	Total \$'000
Expense	89	177	177	177	620

**Talking points**

- Provide funding to support the Stroke Foundation to deliver the *Follow-Up* program which aims to connect stroke survivors and carers with services and support, and to implement the specialist *Face Arms Speech Time* (F.A.S.T) education program.
- The funding will also enable the Foundation's participation in the Australian Stroke Clinical Registry – a national effort to monitor, promote and improve the quality of acute stroke care.
- Education, advice and care planning are essential to ensure stroke survivors are equipped to participate in their treatment, stay well and manage their long-term recovery. Nationally, 2017 data shows close to 50 per cent of patients with stroke are discharged without the necessary planning to support recovery.
- The F.A.S.T education program is tailored to maximise benefits of the ACT's Walk-in health centres. Clinician education will be partnered with health checks, resources and supports helping to prevent stroke and improve access to stroke treatment amongst the vulnerable. Through this program ACT residents will be empowered to avoid stroke and access treatment quickly, ensuring a healthier ACT and a more sustainable health system.

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**Portfolio:** Health

**HEA E17 - Improving Canberra's health infrastructure – A new carpark at Canberra Hospital**

	2021-22 \$'000	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	Total \$'000
Capital	500	2,500	-	-	3,000

**Talking points**

- \$3.0 million will fund the feasibility and design work for a new multi-storey carpark at the Canberra Hospital campus. This will complement work already underway as part of the Canberra Hospital Expansion project and revitalising the campus.
- Feedback from Phase 1 the Canberra Hospital Master Plan consultation indicated strong support for immediate carparking needs to be a key consideration in the development of the campus.
- Cabinet agreed to a temporary lease transfer of the former Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) site in Woden to CHS to alleviate short-term car parking demand pressures at the Canberra Hospital. CIT will provide an additional 1,155 car spaces for CHS staff.
- The CIT site provides temporary capacity for car parking demand with 1,500 spaces allocated to CHS staff. The existing multi-storey car park located on the Campus has been predominately allocated to public, visitor and disability parking to improve consumer access to hospital services.
- To ensure a shortfall in available parking is mitigated once the CIT site is relinquished back to the Department of Education, a significant car park development is required to be completed in the next 4 years.

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**Portfolio:** Health

**HEA E18 - COVID-19 Response – Expanded COVID-19 Vaccination program**

	2021-22 \$'000	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	Total \$'000
Expense	22,464	-	-	-	<b>22,464</b>
Capital	480	-	-	-	<b>480</b>
Revenue	2,920	-	-	-	<b>2,920</b>
<b>FTE</b>	<b>117.3</b>	-	-	-	

**Talking points**

- The program continues to develop and evolve nationally in response to National Cabinet decisions, vaccine approvals, expert medical advice, vaccine supply and program experience. Ongoing program recalibration is certain.
- Subject to national policy, supply and program experience, it is anticipated that the program will continue into 2022 before returning to a level of business as usual in 2022-23.
- While national decisions have not yet been made, it is anticipated that the program will be transitioned to the regular jurisdictional vaccine delivery model at a point in future (i.e. similar to the influenza program where the vast majority of vaccines are delivered through primary care/general practice, under a jurisdictional vaccine distribution model and the National Immunisation Program).
- The extension of the program promotes the equity of vaccine access programs and a children and youth program.

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**Portfolio:** Health

**HEA E19 - More alcohol and other drug services – Reducing harm from addiction and overdoses**

	2021-22 \$'000	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	Total \$'000
Expense	340	344	147	151	982

**Talking points**

- The Government will provide funding almost \$1 million to:
  - expand the existing Needle and Syringe Program; and
  - explore options for a Medically Supervised Injecting Facility, including a suitable service model and a potential location.
- The ACT Government is committed to investing in evidence-based and harm minimisation responses to illicit drugs. Illicit drug use is the second leading risk factor for disease, injury and death among people aged 15-44.
- The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Australian Burden of Disease Study has reported one third of the burden of disease from illicit drug use due to accidental poisoning.

Needle and Syringe Program

- \$0.58 million will support additional vending machines per year over the forward estimates and expand access to the successful outreach provider through increased investment with Directions.
- This funding provides appropriate additional resources for a cost-effective, evidence-based harm reduction program, using an existing experienced service provider. It allows for appropriate growth across the sector, keeping pace with demand growth and population growth.

Medically Supervised Injecting Facility Scoping (MSIF)

- \$0.4 million enables appropriate community consultation and implementation planning to determine appropriate parameters for a potential MSIF for government consideration.

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**Portfolio:** Health

**HEA E01 - Expanding critical hospital services – More services at Calvary Public Hospital Bruce**

	2021-22 \$'000	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	Total \$'000
Expense	3,628	3,951	4,056	4,164	15,799

**Talking points**

- The Government is expanding critical hospital services through increased funding (\$15.8 million) for Calvary Public Hospital Bruce to deliver more services in Canberra's North.
- This funding includes delivering a better emergency department with 24/7 operation of the medical imaging service from October 2021.
- This investment also funds growth of around 500 NWAU, which will help:
  - meet unavoidable acute inpatient demand;
  - progress on improving emergency department performance will be supported through sustained additional inpatient bed capacity; and
  - meet its obligations under the Maternity Access Strategy.

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**Portfolio:** Health

## HEA CW02 – More alcohol and other drug services – Watson Health Precinct redevelopment

	2021-22 \$'000	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	Total \$'000
Expenses – Winnunga	253	-	-	-	253
Capital Grant (EBT) – Winnunga	250	-	-	-	250
Capital	300	-	-	-	300

### Talking points

- The Government will commence design work on the redevelopment of the Watson Health Precinct to deliver a world class community-led alcohol and other drug and mental health treatment precinct for those most in need.
- \$300,000 in capital funding will support design work for the redevelopment of the Ted Noffs Foundation and CatholicCare facilities currently located on the site.
- Winnunga Nimmityjah will be provided \$503,000 for initial design (to support site subdivision) of the precinct and funding for a Winnunga Project Manager, an Alcohol and Other Drug Advisor and an Alcohol and Other Drug Worker.

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**Portfolio:** Health
**HEA CW03 – Improving Canberra’s health infrastructure – Calvary critical infrastructure**

	2021-22 \$'000	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	Total \$'000
Expenses	429	495	562	631	<b>2,117</b>
Expenses – Capital Grant	10,000	10,171	1,000	0	<b>21,171</b>
Capital	2,470	5,759	4,700	0	<b>12,929</b>
Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
FTE	-	-	-	-	-

**Talking points**

- The Government will support a range of infrastructure upgrades at Calvary Public Hospital Bruce. Projects include:

Implementation of Calvary’s Strategic Asset Management Plan (\$6m in 2021-22, and \$16m over three years);

- As part of planning for a new Northside Hospital, a sustained program of capital upgrades and repairs are required to CPHB in order to deliver health services before a new hospital is built.

Sterilising (\$429k in 2021-22, and \$2.117m over four years)

- Investment provided to upgrade sterilising services as a result of increased activity and in order to meet accreditation requirements (note: sterilising services provided through Canberra Health Services).

Endoscopy upgrades (\$500k in 2021-22 – capital grant)

- The endoscopy feasibility study is for examination of an appropriately sized and accessible location for endoscopy services, and in turn improve the maternity and surgery areas.

ICT related safety upgrades (\$4.4m in 2021-22, and \$6.4m over three years)

- Implementation of second tranche of ICT related safety upgrades to enable the provision of safe clinical services while replacing the end-of-life Government Critical systems and infrastructure and ensuring Digital Health Record readiness.

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Multi-storey car park safety upgrade (\$700k in 2021-22).

- Funding provided to address the car parks safety and security issues within the multi-storey car park.

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**Portfolio:** Health
**HEA CW04 – Improving Canberra’s health infrastructure – Northside hospital development**

	<b>2021-22</b> <b>\$'000</b>	<b>2022-23</b> <b>\$'000</b>	<b>2023-24</b> <b>\$'000</b>	<b>2024-25</b> <b>\$'000</b>	<b>Total</b> <b>\$'000</b>
Capital – ACT Health	* 2,676	7,870	0	0	<b>10,546</b>
Capital – MPC	1,334	1,641	0	0	<b>2,975</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,010</b>	<b>9,511</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,521</b>
Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
FTE (Health only)	7.6	10.0	-	-	

\* Includes \$0.908 million roll over.

**Talking points**

- The Government will continue planning and design work for future hospital infrastructure in Canberra’s north. This initiative continues planning and design work and builds on the Government’s investment and work undertaken since 2016-17.
- ACT’s population growth is expected to largely be on the northside, sufficient capacity is required to support increasing demand, particularly in the acute setting.
- The ACT Government have committed to the development of a new Northside Hospital and approximately four years is required for planning and design (regardless of development on an existing site or a new greenfields site).
- It is critical that the development of a new northside hospital commences now to support the commencement of hospital construction by the mid-2020s and support self-sufficiency of the northside in terms of hospital services.
- Developing a new Northside Hospital is a complex project and will be the largest health infrastructure project ever undertaken in the Territory. A new hospital will service Canberra for at least the next 50-70 years.

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**Portfolio:** Health

**JACS E13 – Drug & Alcohol Court (DAC)**

	2021-22 \$000's	2022-23 \$000's	2023-24 \$000's	2024-25 \$000's	Total
<b>Total Expense</b>	6,630	6,621	-	-	13,251
<b>Expense Provision</b>	-	-	2,236	2,268	4,504
<b>Health Components</b>					
ACTHD Expenses	1,403	1,438	-	-	2,841
CHS Expenses	2,393	2,374	-	-	4,767
	<b>3,797</b>	<b>3,812</b>	-	-	<b>7,608</b>
<b>FTE</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>13.7</b>	-	-	
FTE – ACTHD	1.0	1.0			
FTE – CHS	11.7	11.7			

**Talking points**

- The DAC operates as a multidisciplinary team, bringing together ACT Courts, Corrective Services, ACT Health and Canberra Health Services, the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), Legal Aid ACT, and ACT Policing to work collaboratively to supervise and manage offenders subject to a DATO including through case conferences and review hearings.
- Funding will expand the availability of residential rehabilitation alcohol and drug treatment services for DAC participants to deliver three additional residential rehabilitation beds provided by existing DAC service providers – bringing the number of available rehab beds for 2021-22 onwards to 8 in total.

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**ISSUE: Canberra Hospital Expansion – Budget Bid**
**Budget Summary**

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Capital	73,958	237,117	211,755	13,718	536,548
Recurrent	3,000	3,075	3,152	3,231	12,458
<b>Total</b>	<b>76,958</b>	<b>240,192</b>	<b>214,907</b>	<b>16,949</b>	<b>549,006</b>

**Talking points:**

- The Canberra Hospital Expansion Project will deliver a modern, purpose-built and state-of-the-art emergency, surgical and critical healthcare facility on the Canberra Hospital campus.
- The four-year investment in the project represented in the 2021-22 Budget is \$549 million with construction of the new main building forecast to be completed by mid-2024, and the facility opening by late 2024.
- The Government has committed the funding previously provisioned to MPC for the construction of the Canberra Hospital Expansion Project in the 2021-22 Budget.
- The forecast total cost of the project remains \$624.5 million, including costs for the new Critical Services Building, other associated enabling and supporting works and funding in previous years.

**Major Projects Canberra Accountability Indicators**

For reference, the Accountability Indicators for the CHE project are outlined below:

	31 Dec 21 Targets	2021-22 Full-Year Targets
a. Canberra Hospital Expansion Project milestones achieved:		
i. Buildings B5 and 24 demolition substantially completed	1	
ii. Clinical Services Building bulk excavation and piling commenced	1	
iii. Prototype shed erected	1	
iv. Construction of Clinical Services Building structure commenced		1
v. 'Welcome Hall' works commenced		1

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**Health Portfolio – Capital Initiatives****Talking points:**

- Total health infrastructure investment over the forward estimates is \$867 million.
- The CHS/ACTHD capital investment program run is set to rise to \$144 million in 2021-22.
  - An Increase of \$9 million or 7 per cent on 2020-21.
- Total CHS/ACTHD capital investment program over the forward estimates is \$318 million.
  - Made up of \$57 million in new initiatives and \$261 million in existing infrastructure development.
- Total MPC investment of \$549 million over the forward estimates for the continuation of the delivery of the Canberra Hospital Expansion.
- Since 2018-19, ACT Government has invested \$290 million to deliver major health initiatives to expand the infrastructure to support health services. This includes investments at Clare Holland House and Winnunga Nimmityjah, establishing the Weston Creek and Inner North Walk-in Centres and upgraded core infrastructure to ensure both Canberra Hospital and Calvary Public Hospital Bruce operate efficiently.

**2021-22 KEY CAPITAL INITIATIVES**

- **\$549 million** to deliver the Canberra Hospital Expansion Project – a modern, purpose-built and state-of-the-art emergency, surgical and critical healthcare facility on the Canberra Hospital campus.
- **\$32.7 million** to support a range of infrastructure upgrades at Calvary Public Hospital Bruce, including the redevelopment and expansion of sterilising services.
- **\$13.5 million** for the continuation of planning and design works for a new Northside hospital to bring modern hospital services closer to the growing and ageing northside population. ACT Health Directorate’s funding is \$10.5 million, with the remaining \$3 million allocated to Major Projects Canberra.
- **\$7.0 million** for the construction of a Cancer Research Centre at the Canberra Hospital.

- **\$3.0 million** to undertake feasibility and design work for a new multi-storey carpark at the Canberra Hospital as part of the Canberra Hospital Master Plan.
- **\$1.3 million** for a long-term lease of a new and expanded medical inventory warehouse to ensure continued compliance with the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards.
- **\$0.8 million** to undertake feasibility and design work for the expansion and refurbishment of the existing endoscopy suites at the Canberra Hospital.
- **\$0.5 million** funding to expand the COVID-19 vaccination program in 2021-22 to support vaccinations for any eligible members of the public.
- **\$0.55 million** for the preliminary design of the Watson Health Precinct Redevelopment (exclusive of a \$0.25 million territorial grant to Winnunga).

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**Portfolio:** Health & Wellbeing**2021-22 COVID Investments****Talking points:**

- This Government will continue its efforts for the COVID-19 public health response, in 2021-22 we will invest **\$85 million**, in response to the current outbreak. Dedicated Public Health Funding includes:
  - **\$50.3 million** to support the Health Emergency Control Centre, quarantine and compliance activities and hospital and testing services across Canberra Health Services and Calvary Public Hospital Bruce. This initiative will be funded through a cost sharing arrangement between the Commonwealth and the Territory;
  - **\$19.5 million** for the rollout of the COVID-19 Vaccination Program, building on the funding provided through the 2020-21 Budget;
  - **\$2.0 million** for rental (only) of a Government Facilitated Quarantine facility - Ragusa;
  - **\$0.3 million** for mental health support during lockdown; and
  - **\$3.7 million** targeting funding to community organisations who support people in our communities experiencing vulnerabilities, disadvantage or poor health.
- The Government has also provisioned a COVID-19 Response Fund of \$50 million in 2021-22 to address further 2021-22 needs as they arise, including Government Facilitated Quarantine.

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**Portfolio:** Health

**Sustainable Health Funding – Enhanced Base**
**Talking points:**

	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Estimate	2023-24 Estimate	2024-25 Estimate	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Supporting Demand for Health Services	68,300	70,100	71,900	73,800	<b>284,100</b>
Revised Indexation Parameters (Cost indexation 2.65%)	7,264	15,140	23,480	14,629	<b>60,513</b>

- The Government will invest \$284.1 million over the forward estimates in supporting demand for health services
- Approximately \$68 million in 2021-22, representing
  - \$62 million for CHS
  - \$6 million for Calvary Public Hospital Bruce.
- Revised indexation parameters will increase the rate of cost indexation for both LHN and non LHN expenses to meet the outcomes of Enterprise Agreements, from 1.78 per cent to 2.65 per cent.
- The Government will provide additional resources to help meet acute service demand at the Canberra Health Services and Calvary Public Hospital Bruce.
- This investment will help maintain Emergency Department capacity, allow for the continuation of additional intensive care and general inpatient beds, and maintain capacity for elective and emergency surgeries.
- The increase in indexation is rolled into the 'Revised Indexation Parameters' under technical adjustments in both the LHN and the ACT Health Directorate Appropriation tables.

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**Portfolio:** Health & Wellbeing**Headline Investments - categories****Talking points:**

- **Health portfolio:** In 2021-22, the Government will continue investments across the health portfolio by investing a record additional **\$689 million** in recurrent funding over the next four years.
- **Sustainable Health – Enhanced base:** A base funding boost of **\$362.1 million** over four years to ensure the sustainability of our hospital services into future.
- **COVID-19 Response:** Almost **\$90 million** for the continuation of the COVID-19 public health response and the rollout of the National vaccination program.
- **Critical Hospital Services:** Investment of **\$128.3 million** in critical hospital services including:
  - **\$38.8 million** for more emergency surgery capacity,
  - **\$15.3 million** for additional Neonatology cots,
  - **\$28.4 million** for the expansion of ICU at Canberra Hospital,
  - **\$22.9 million** for better Canberra Hospital Emergency Department,
  - **\$7.0 million** to deliver more elective surgery, and
  - **\$15.8 million** for more services at Calvary Hospital Bruce.
- **Improving our health system:** **\$73.0 million** including \$50.0 million for increased Nurses and Midwifery ratios at the Canberra Hospital and Calvary Public Hospital Bruce.
- **Critical Mental Health Service:** **\$57.6 million** over four years will be invested in addressing Critical Mental Health Services including the establishment of 10 additional acute mental health inpatient beds at Canberra Hospital and for the delivery of more timely, supportive, and accessible mental health programs for people in the ACT, targeting early intervention to provide better health outcomes.
- **Better Care in the Community:** **\$17.3 million** over four years, includes the expansion of Palliative Care Services at Clare Holland House Hospice.

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- **Non-Government Organisations Funding: \$22.4 million** funding will be provided to our community partners for the delivery of programs to address specific un-met health care needs in the community, more alcohol and other drug services and delivery of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander specific mental health services.

Summary table by category:

<b>Health Portfolio - Category Summary</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Total</b>
Sustainable Health - Enhanced Base	75,564	85,240	95,380	105,926	362,110
COVID-19 Response	46,382	-	-	-	46,382
Critical Hospital Services	25,786	30,591	35,620	36,262	128,259
Improving our Health System	12,610	21,261	19,035	20,074	72,980
Better care in the Community	1,959	4,765	5,035	5,571	17,330
Mental Health Services	14,182	15,193	14,107	14,130	57,612
Alcohol and other drugs	2,248	1,774	147	151	4,320
<b>Total</b>	<b>178,731</b>	<b>158,824</b>	<b>169,324</b>	<b>182,114</b>	<b>688,993</b>
<b>*Non-Government Organisations</b>	6,620	7,097	4,364	4,278	<b>22,359</b>

### Other Information:

- Community and mental health COVID-19 support package of \$3.6 million was provided in addition to mental health funding in this budget (details provided in separate brief).

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## Minister for Mental Health 2021-22 Budget Day Briefs

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### New Initiatives ACT Health - Phase 1

No.	Title	
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11.	HEA MH E03 - Investing in public health care - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander specific mental health services	ACTHD
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13.	HEA MH E07 - Investing in public health care - More support for community delivered mental health	ACTHD

### New Initiatives CHS - Phase 1

No.	Title	
14.	CHS MH E01 - Addressing Critical Mental Health Service Demands (HDU and LDU)	CHS

### New Initiatives CHS - Phase 2

No.	Title	
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15.	CHS MH E03 - Investing in public health care - Expanding acute mental health services	CHS
16.	CHS MH E04 - Investing in public health care - Planning for additional supported accommodation houses	CHS

## Other

No.	Title	
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19.	Additional Community and Mental Health Support Package	ACTHD
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**Portfolio:** Mental Health

## 2021-22 Budget Summary

### Talking points:

- In 2021-22, the total mental health budget will increase to **\$218 million** across the health portfolio, an increase of 9 per cent compared to the previous year and an estimated **\$908.0 million** over the next four years (table below).
- In 2021-22, the Government will invest **\$58.0 million** over four years in addressing Critical Mental Health Services. This includes:
  - **\$43.0 million** for hospital system funding including for the establishment of 10 additional acute mental health inpatient beds at Canberra Hospital and for the delivery of more timely, supportive, and accessible mental health programs for people in the ACT, targeting early intervention to provide better health outcomes; and
  - **\$15.0 million** for the delivery of more timely, supportive, and accessible mental health programs for people in the ACT, targeting early intervention to provide better health outcomes including **\$6.6 million** to our community partners.
- In 2021-22, new initiatives will fund an additional 64.2 FTE across the mental health portfolio.
- Additional to the mental health budget, the community and mental health COVID-19 support package will provide **\$3.6 million** in additional mental health support for the ACT community.

### Other background information

- The ACT Government invested **\$731.3 million** over the previous four years in Mental health services including **\$57.0 million** to non-government organisations.
- The next four years will see investment at **\$908.0 million** and **\$97.6 million** for non-government organisations.

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**Mental Health portfolio history and growth**

Year	Government services (Gov)	Gov annual increase	Non-Government Organisations (NGO)	NGO annual increase/decrease	Total	Total annual increase
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
2017-18 - actual costs	132,413		11,265		143,678	
2018-19 - actual costs	172,095	23%	14,040	20%	186,135	23%
2019-20 - actual costs	186,793	8%	15,521	10%	202,314	8%
2020-21 - actual costs	183,128	-2%	16,089	4%	199,217	-2%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>674,428</b>		<b>56,915</b>		<b>731,343</b>	
2021-22 - Budget	198,959	8%	19,206	16%	218,165	9%
2022-23 - Estimate	201,150	1%	22,796	16%	223,946	3%
2023-24 - Estimate	203,713	1%	26,168	13%	229,881	3%
2024-25 - Estimate	206,573	1%	29,400	11%	235,973	3%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>810,395</b>		<b>97,570</b>		<b>907,965</b>	

**2021-22 0 Mental Health Initiatives**

2021-22 Mental Health Budget	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
<b>ACT Health Directorate</b>					
COVID-19 mental health support package	220	-	-	-	220
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander specific mental health services	250	524	537	651	1,962
Continuing Mental Health Detention Exit Community Outreach	300	308	315	-	923
Mental Health Discharge Accommodation Program	1,000	1,025	-	-	2,025
More support for community delivered mental health	667	2,758	2,520	2,581	8,526
Winnunga Health services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander detainees at the Alexander Maconochie Centre*	1,348	-	-	-	1,348
					-
<b>Local Hospital Network</b>					
Lockdown Support - Mental Health Communities	40	-	-	-	40
Addressing Critical Mental Health Services Demand	9,266	10,578	10,735	10,898	41,477
Continuing to support the Home Assessment and Acute Response Team	1,223	-	-	-	1,223
Model of care for additional supported accommodation houses	184	-	-	-	184
Winnunga Model of Care at the Alexander Maconochie Centre	128	-	-	-	128
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,626</b>	<b>15,193</b>	<b>14,107</b>	<b>14,130</b>	<b>58,056</b>

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**Portfolio:** Health

## Summary of 2021-22 Federal Budget – Impact on ACT Health Budget

### Talking points:

- The Federal 2021-22 Budget was delivered on 11 May 2021. Announced in this Budget is a national investment of \$121.4 billion in 2021-22 and \$503 billion over the next 4 years and includes commitment to responding to and adapting to the COVID-19 pandemic. Having committed nationally \$25 billion, an additional \$1.1 billion will further enhance the COVID-19 response and an investment to date of \$7.2 billion for the COVID-19 vaccine rollout.
- Commonwealth funding announced for the ACT included:

	<b>2021-22</b>
	<b>\$M's</b>
<b>National Health Reform &amp; COVID Response Agreements</b>	
NHRA	461.2
Public Health	7.8
COVID-19	5.9
	<b>474.9</b>
Comprehensive Palliative Care	0.2
BreatScreen	~
National Bowel Cancer	0.2
OzFoodNet	0.2
Vaccines-Preventable Diseases	..
Community Health, Hospitals and Infrast	6.5
More Clinical Trials	~
Essential Vaccines	0.7
Public Dental Services for Adults	1.0
Specialist Dementia Care	0.3
Lymphoedema garments and allied health therapy program	..
	<b>484.0</b>

\* Denotes an amount less than \$0.050m.

~ Denotes State/Territory splits not yet determined.

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- The amounts are reflected in the ACT 2021-22 Budget, with the exception of the National Health Reform funding. In addition, COVID-19 funding differs from the Commonwealth budget as the investment of \$5.9 million reflects the commonwealth proportion and estimates at the time of Commonwealth Budget announcement (11 May 2021).
- The following table compares the ACT appropriation to Commonwealth funding for the past and future 4 years. The previous four years equates to an average LHN share of ACT 63.5 per cent : Commonwealth 36.5 per cent. Over the 2021-22 and forward estimates these numbers grow to ACT 64 per cent : Commonwealth 36 per cent.

	Audited Outcome	Audited Outcome	Audited Outcome	Unaudited Outcome	GBMS *	GBMS *	GBMS *	GBMS *
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
ACT Appropriation - LHN	629,747	654,588	868,428	907,735	973,456	954,194	957,480	942,125
ACT Appropriation - ACTHD	265,993	295,569	226,778	249,100	274,523	254,638	250,532	252,553
LHN Commonwealth Revenue	385,581	413,437	469,732	465,619	516,958	511,779	545,045	580,473
Other Commonwealth NPAs	2,294	7,855	9,470	34,188	7,982	10,132	5,021	1,021
<b>Total Health</b>								
ACT Share	70%	69%	69%	69%	70%	70%	69%	67%
Commonwealth Share	30%	31%	31%	31%	30%	30%	31%	33%
<b>Hospital (LHN)</b>								
ACT Share	62%	61%	65%	66%	65%	65%	64%	62%
Commonwealth Share	38%	39%	35%	34%	35%	35%	36%	38%

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**Portfolio:** Mental Health**ISSUE: Community Budget Consultations: Outcome****Talking points:**

- The 2021-22 Budget Consultation period, conducted by ACT Treasury, ran between 1 April and 28 June 2021.
- Mental health services received a high degree of commentary overall through submissions and responses to survey questions.
- Common themes across the mental health-related submissions and surveys:
  - Better mental health and access to services,
  - Suicide prevention,
  - Children and young people,
  - Hospital upgrades and expansion,
  - Reduced wait times, and
  - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.
- The community budget proposals that correlate to initiatives that are being funded in this budget are described below.

**Better mental health and access to services:**

- The 2021-22 budget provides significant operational funding to support increased demand for mental health services in the community, acute services, sub-acute services and enhancing specialist mental health services.

**Suicide Prevention (targeting health needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people):**

- Will deliver more timely, supportive, and accessible mental health programs for people in the ACT, targeting early intervention to provide

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better health outcomes. A key focus will be meeting the Health Needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, through the establishment of a culturally appropriate Suicide Prevention Service, support for the continued delivery of the Detention Exit Community Outreach program and meeting the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander detainees at the Alexander Machonchie Centre (AMC), through the Winnunga Model of Care.

### **Children & Young People**

- Addressed through the ‘more support for community delivered mental health outreach’ and provides targeting funding for our children and young people including funding for Safe Haven Cafes (SHCs), Parentline ACT, expansion for CatholicCare’s Youth and Wellbeing Program (YWB) and for the introduction of a Moderated Online Social Therapy (MOST) platform.

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**Portfolio:** Mental Health

## 2021-22 Savings Targets

### Talking points:

- In 2021-22, there are no specific savings targets applied to the Mental Health funding portfolio.

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**Portfolio: Mental Health****2021-22 Budget Media Releases – Mental Health**

21 September 2021

**\$14m mental health and community health care support package for Canberrans**

The ACT Government is boosting funding for mental health, alcohol and other drug services and primary health care across the city, to support the wellbeing needs of Canberrans during lockdown.

This is one of the toughest periods in our city's history and it is okay to reach out for help. Support is available.

Building on previous funding commitments to support people at risk of mental health challenges, the ACT Government is providing a further community support package to help Canberrans struggling during lockdown as well as an additional, longer term funding package for local mental health and community health support programs.

The community and mental health COVID-19 support package will provide \$3.6 million in additional support for the ACT community, including:

- \$1 million to expand the Police, Ambulance and Clinician Emergency Response (PACER) program, with an additional team for 6 months to support the community when they need it and in a familiar setting, such as their home.
- \$524,000 for Directions Health Services to meet increased demand for primary care and opioid maintenance treatment for clients who are unable to access pharmacies due to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- \$300,000 for Community Options to deliver additional support for social housing clients affected by COVID-19 lockdowns
- \$300,000 for the Canberra Alliance for Harm Minimisation and Advocacy for additional Peer Treatment Support Workers, helping to support people with complex needs who are affected by public health measures .
- \$200,000 to provide more services and additional support for people affected by eating disorders \$160,000 for flexible alcohol and other drug services to provide additional treatment and counselling support to those with substance abuse conditions.
- \$110,000 for the Interchange Health Co-op to improved access to primary care for some of Canberra's most vulnerable.
- \$90,000 to extend services to young people suffering moderate to severe mental illness requiring more intensive support at home.

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- \$80,000 between Gugan Gulwan and Yeddung Mura to provide additional counselling and wellbeing supports to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Canberrans.
- \$70,000 to Mental Illness Education ACT for additional mental health programs for schools, individuals, and businesses in response to COVID-19.
- \$40,000 for Companion House to support additional counselling and social support services for asylum seekers and refugees.
- \$40,000 to CARE Financial Counselling to support people who have lost work and income during lockdown.

This will help to ensure that health care and support is accessible at this difficult time.

Our community sector partners have been a vital part of the COVID-19 response – both in supporting public health measures and ensuring Canberrans continue to have access to vital health services.

Additionally, the 2021-22 ACT Budget will include another \$10.3 million to provide a more timely, supportive and accessible mental health system for young people and their families in the ACT, as well as funding to expand and improve alcohol and other drug services.

- \$7.5 million for a phased implementation of an integrated face-to-face and digital mental care for young people through an online platform delivered through the Moderated Online Social Therapy (MOST) program developed by Orygen,
- \$982,000 to expand the existing Needle and Syringe Program and to explore options for a medically supervised drug consumption facility, including the development of a suitable service model and a potential location.
- \$851,000 for Catholic Care's Youth and Wellbeing program to provide multidisciplinary outreach service that supports young people (12-25 years) living with mental health concerns.
- \$503,000 to commence design work to deliver a new community-led alcohol and other drug and mental health treatment precinct. The includes design work for a new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential alcohol and other drug rehabilitation facility in partnership with Winnunga Nimmityjah and for the redevelopment of the Ted Noffs Foundation and CatholicCare facilities in Watson.
- \$169,000 for Parentline to provide more support for parents, through phone referrals, counselling, face-to-face sessions and regular phone 'check-ins'.

We have also worked with the Commonwealth Government to secure an additional \$2.5 million to boost existing crisis, mental health and wellbeing services and, importantly, provide additional support to young Australians and at-risk communities.

#### **Quotes attributable to Chief Minister, Andrew Barr:**

We know the past 18 months has been extremely challenging for Canberrans. Through this package, the ACT Government will ensure Canberrans can continue to access the support they need through the current challenges and into the future.

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We have been able to work with the Commonwealth Health Minister's office to secure additional funding for local mental health and wellbeing services. I extend my thanks to Minister Hunt and his team for engaging productively with the ACT.

**Quotes attributable to Minister for Health, Rachel Stephen-Smith:**

This COVID-19 outbreak is directly affecting some of our most vulnerable community members. Many in our community are feeling isolated and experiencing mental health challenges for the first time, while for others the lockdown is exacerbating the impacts of past trauma.

Canberra's non-government primary care and alcohol and drug sector partners have been a critical part our public health response and the additional funding announced today ensures that this will be sustainable.

I look forward to continuing to work with the sector on the redevelopment of the Watson Health Precinct to deliver a world class alcohol and other drug and mental health treatment precinct, including a community controlled service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Canberrans in partnership with Winnunga Nimmityjah.

**Quotes attributable to Minister for Mental Health, Emma Davidson:**

Community mental health services are doing incredible work to support Canberrans during this public health crisis, building resilience and connectedness across our communities. The ACT Government is investing in these trusted partnerships to support people with a wide range of lived experiences and needs.

This combination of short and long-term funding will help the ACT's mental health services meet our community's increased need for support as a result of this lockdown and will improve community wellbeing. The funding will help people to better understand their mental health and wellbeing needs well beyond the lockdown, and have greater access to support when and where they need it.

Canberrans have been amazing at reducing transmission of COVID and helping each other stay safe and healthy during lockdown. It says a lot about the kindness and respect our community has for each other, especially those most at risk from this virus. For those who might need a bit of extra help with mental health and wellbeing, the ACT Government and our community sector partners are here to support you through this.

**Quotes attributable to Minister for Police and Emergency Services Mick Gentleman:**

Expansion of Police, Ambulance, Clinician Emergency Response (PACER) team is a win for our community, our first responders and health staff. It will enable more Canberrans to receive care in their home during these challenging times, remaining in the community rather than being hospitalised.

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PACER helps start recovery sooner from a better place while ensuring our first responders continue to support Canberrans throughout the pandemic.

During 2020, PACER teams responded to 1249 mental health callouts that resulted in 963 Canberrans avoiding hospitalisation.

16 September 2021

## More support for those that need it most

The ACT Government will make significant investments in the 2021-22 ACT Budget to support our city through one of the toughest moments we have ever faced.

Today's \$26 million package ensures that those most in need in our community will continue to receive support as we respond to our local outbreak of the COVID-19 virus as well as in the years to follow.

As we progress through the National Plan to Transition Australia's COVID-19 response, this package is a further element of our response to ensure that no one is left behind.

The package includes:

- **\$8.6** million over three years to expand the capacity of existing services including specialist homelessness programs that commenced operation during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **\$4.0** million over four years to increase the community sector indexation rate applied to annual grants funding. This will assist community organisations to help them meet higher wage costs following the recent Fair Work Commission decision to increase the national minimum wage and all award wages by 2.5 per cent.
- Additional funding of **\$3.5** million over four years to local volunteer groups to help maintain and improve our iconic landscape. More funding will also be allocated to expand the ACT Environment Grants and to fund an additional ParkCare ranger in Canberra's north.
- **\$2.5** million over the next four years to maintain and strengthen Legal Aid's capacity to represent, support and assist vulnerable members of the Canberra community. This includes front-line service support for victims of family violence and the elderly, and for vulnerable witnesses.
- **\$2.2** million over the next four years for a culturally appropriate program to focus on suicide prevention, intervention, postvention and aftercare tailored for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Canberrans.
- **\$2.0** million over four years to support crucial services delivered by the Community Legal Assistance Sector including the Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT, Canberra

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Community Law, CARE Inc, the Environmental Defenders Office, and the Women's Legal Centre ACT.

- **\$762,000** over four years to allow the Children and Young People Equipment Loan Service (CAYPELS) to continue and to develop a service planning model to inform the future operation of the service. It will also allow for the purchase and replenishment of specialised paediatric equipment.
- Additional funding of **\$623,000 over four years** for A Gender Agenda to continue their work with vulnerable trans, gender diverse and intersex Canberrans. This includes peer support, intersex specific project work and the peer-based navigation and information service, The Friday Centre.
- **\$570,000** to support vulnerable people in the multicultural community, including an additional **\$180,000** for the Refugee, Asylum Seeker and Humanitarian program to provide financial assistance for its clients who hold an ACT Services Access Card and to support the resettlement of refugees, asylum seekers and humanitarian entrants living in the ACT; **\$137,000** for emergency, material and aid services; **\$135,000** to support COVID-19 messaging; and **\$118,000** to support a community partnership to provide emergency payments to vulnerable families.
- **\$509,000** for the pandemic response team to continue implementing the ACT Government Community Recovery Roadmap. This initiative builds on recent Government actions in this area including the 2020-21 Health COVID-19 Response initiative.
- **\$311,000** to end adverse experiences of young First Nations people in the ACT child protection system by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Commissioner.
- Funding of **\$184,000** in 2021-22 to develop a model of care for five additional supported accommodation homes to support people living with enduring mental illness to live safely and well in the community.
- An additional **\$100,000** to support ongoing access to emergency food relief for those in need.

This package follows the COVID-19 economic support measures that have been previously announced which included increased funding for mental health supports, crisis and emergency supports, extending the Jobs for Canberrans program, emergency food relief and increasing the utilities concession to \$1,000 for 31,000 households for 2021-22.

Further announcements will be made as we approach the 2021-22 Budget on 6 October.

#### **Quotes attributable to Chief Minister Andrew Barr:**

We know the pandemic is difficult for many families and individuals in the community. This is why the government is continuing to work very closely with community organisations across a range of sectors.

This additional funding through the 2021-22 ACT Budget, combined with our close relationships with our community partners, will help deliver support to Canberrans that need it most.

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**Quotes attributable to Minister for Housing and Suburban Development and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Yvette Berry:**

The impact of the pandemic is not gender neutral, and the ACT Government is committed to ensuring that women and girls in the Canberra community are safe and supported.

**Quotes attributable to Minister for Families and Community Services, Rachel Stephen-Smith:**

The Government welcomes the Fair Work Commission's decision, which will deliver better wages for Canberra's dedicated community sector workers. Supporting our non-government partners to pay these wage increases without reducing the services they provide to the ACT community is particularly important at this difficult time.

**Quotes attributable to Attorney-General, Shane Rattenbury:**

It is important for everyone in the community to be able to access appropriate legal assistance and advice. The 2021-22 funding through the ACT Budget will provide front-line service support for victims of family violence and the elderly and support for vulnerable witnesses.

The additional funding for Community Legal Assistance Sector services and Legal Aid will allow these important community services to continue to deliver legal assistance services and maintain and strengthen the capacity to represent, support and assist vulnerable members of the community.

**Quotes attributable to Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Tara Cheyne:**

The Government will continue to support the Refugee, Asylum Seeker and Humanitarian (RASH) program through a \$120,000 investment, providing financial assistance of up to \$2,000 for RASH clients who hold an ACT Services Access Card, supporting the resettlement of refugees, asylum seekers and humanitarian entrants living in the ACT.

**Quotes attributable to Assistant Minister for Seniors, Veterans, Families and Community Services and Mental Health, Emma Davidson:**

Everyone in our community deserve access to mental health support. The pandemic and lockdowns will exacerbate the need for mental health services in our community. This is just one announcement in the ACT Government's mental health Budget which aims to provide specialised, culturally safe support for First Nations people experiencing mental and emotional distress.

Recognising the need for long-term food security, we have committed funding to increase capacity and resources across Canberra's food relief organisations. This complements the immediate COVID-19 food relief response, providing a response in both the short term and long term as we progress through and beyond the pandemic.

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**Quotes attributable to Minister for the Environment and Homelessness and Housing Services,  
Rebecca Vassarotti:**

Canberra's specialist homelessness sector are key to improve outcomes for people in need. This investment boosts resources for sector organisations, raising their base funding rate by 12.7 percent. This base funding rate has not increased over approximately the past nine years, so this is a significant commitment to help the sector deliver early intervention, crisis support and improve outcomes for people at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

This funding builds on recent investments including \$1.9 million in the 2020-21 Budget for five specialist homelessness programs in response to COVID-19 as part of the Government's commitment to increase the capacity of the sector.

The Canberra community plays a critical role in caring for the ACT's environment. Organisations such as Landcare ACT, Parkcare, the three ACT catchment groups, and ACT Wildlife are local experts providing care for our environment. Providing reliable, long-term funding for Canberra's community local environmental volunteer-based groups will allow groups will help them continue their valuable work caring for ACT's environment.

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**Portfolio/s: Mental Health**
**Key General Statistics – August 2021 – ACT Health Directorate**
**Table 1: ACT Health Directorate staff numbers<sup>(1)(2)</sup>**

	2018-19	2019-20	Change (%)
Full-time equivalent	539.5	613.1	13.7
Headcount	567	651	14.8

**Sources**

(1) ACT Health Directorate Annual Report 2019-20, Table 35.

(2) ACT Health Directorate Annual Report 2018-19, Table 15.

**Table 2: ACT public health services – overall activity and performance<sup>(3)</sup>**

	YTD 2019-20 (Q3)	YTD 2020-21 (Q3)	change	Q4 2019-20	Q1 2020-21	Q2 2020-21	Q3 2020-21
<b>Walk-in Centres</b>							
Number of presentations to Walk-in Centres	56,985	50,741	-11%	9,516	12,401	18,936	19,404
<b>COVID-19 Testing Centres</b>							
Number of presentations to COVID-19 Testing Centres	1,620	133,591	8,146.4%	21,424	52,327	36,664	44,600
<b>Emergency department</b>							
<i>Number of presentations by hospital</i>							
Canberra Hospital	69,187	68,848	-0.5%	18,201	21,818	24,213	22,816
Calvary Public Hospital Bruce	42,361	44,272	4.5%	11,271	13,821	15,586	14,866
<b>Total</b>	<b>111,548</b>	<b>113,120</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>29,472</b>	<b>35,639</b>	<b>39,799</b>	<b>37,682</b>
<i>Number of presentations by triage category</i>							
1—Resuscitation	794	714	-10.1%	226	224	259	231
2—Emergency	13,360	13,633	2.0%	3,809	4,194	4,869	4,570
3—Urgent	50,211	47,005	-6.4%	12,844	15,732	16,770	14,503
4—Semi-urgent	40,246	42,873	6.5%	10,746	13,151	14,799	14,923
5—Non-urgent	6,937	8,895	28.2%	1,847	2,338	3,102	3,455
<b>Total</b>	<b>111,548</b>	<b>113,120</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>29,472</b>	<b>35,639</b>	<b>39,799</b>	<b>37,682</b>
<i>Percentage of patients seen on time by triage category<sup>1</sup></i>							
1—Resuscitation	99.9%	100.0%	0.1	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
2—Emergency	77.4%	77.4%	3.2	78.8%	78.7%	76.5%	76.5%
3—Urgent	27.6%	36.4%	8.8	57.3%	43.0%	32.7%	33.4%
4—Semi-urgent	43.0%	49.1%	6.1	77.1%	58.4%	44.0%	45.7%
5—Non-urgent	79.9%	81.5%	1.6	97.8%	88.6%	79.6%	78.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>42.6%</b>	<b>50.2%</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>70.1%</b>	<b>56.2%</b>	<b>46.5%</b>	<b>48.1%</b>
<i>Proportion of presentations with a length of stay of 4 hours or less<sup>2</sup></i>							
Canberra Hospital	52.0%	53.5%	2.2	62.2%	55.3%	52.2%	53.1%
Calvary Public Hospital Bruce	61.9%	64.1%	3.5	68.1%	66.8%	63.1%	62.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>55.8%</b>	<b>57.6%</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>64.5%</b>	<b>59.8%</b>	<b>56.5%</b>	<b>56.9%</b>

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	YTD 2019-20	YTD 2020-21	change	Q4 2019-20	Q1 2020-21	Q2 2020-21	Q3 2020-21
<b>Elective surgery waiting lists</b>							
<i>Number of patients waiting longer than clinically recommended at end of period</i>	889	978	10.0%	1,317	1,013	1,090	978
<i>Percentage of elective surgery procedures performed within clinically recommended timeframes</i>							
Urgency 1 (see within 30 days)	97.1%	98.5%	1.4	98.3%	98.3%	98.9%	98.2%
Urgency 2 (see within 90 days)	67.9%	62.8%	-7.5	48.6%	60.3%	68.4%	60.3%
Urgency 3 (see within 365 days)	75.8%	72.5%	-4.4	77.0%	70.7%	74.9%	72.2%
<i>Total number of elective surgery procedures</i>	10,420	11,313	8.6%	2,448	3,982	3,601	3,729
<i>Additions to the elective surgery waiting list</i>	12,319	12,619	2.4%	3,097	4,300	4,138	4,032
<b>Separations from public hospitals</b>							
<i>Number of inpatient separations</i>							
Same day	45,243	48,774	7.8%	13,642	15,966	16,378	16,432
Overnight	43,319	43,977	1.5%	12,703	14,838	14,838	14,301
<b>Total</b>	<b>88,562</b>	<b>92,751</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>26,345</b>	<b>30,804</b>	<b>31,216</b>	<b>30,733</b>

**Source**

(3) ACT Public Health Services Quarterly Performance Report (four most recent reports to Quarter 3, 2020-21)

**Table 3: ACT public health services – mental health activity and performance<sup>(4)</sup>**

	Q2, 2020-21 (bed days)	Q3, 2020-21 (bed days)	Change (%)
<i>Mental health overnight bed days of care</i>			
Canberra Hospital	5,735	4,943	-13.8
Calvary Public Hospital Bruce	3,314	3,257	-1.7
University of Canberra Hospital	1,599	2,032	27.1
<b>ACT total</b>	<b>10,648</b>	<b>10,232</b>	<b>-3.9</b>
<i>Average length of stay for mental health overnight patients</i>			
Canberra Hospital	13.3	10.9	-18.0
Calvary Public Hospital Bruce	20.6	19.6	-4.9
University of Canberra Hospital	53.3	59.8	12.2
<b>ACT total</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>-8.2</b>

**Source**

(4) ACT Public Health Services Quarterly Performance Report (two most recent reports to Quarter 3, 2020-21)

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**Portfolio:** Health**Health Portfolio – Budget Paper 3 – Recurrent & Capital Initiative Short Description**

Note: Recurrent and Capital will be combined in this years Budget

Note: these are draft from Treasury as at 3 October 2021

**Talking points:****HEALTH PORTFOLIO AGENCIES**

Health services in the ACT are delivered by two distinct agencies:

- The ACT Health Directorate is responsible for the stewardship of the health system, providing policy and population health capability, with a focus on developing strategies and direction setting to ensure services meet community needs and expectations, and delivering improved health outcomes through an innovative health system, that is effective and sustainable now and into the future; and
- Canberra Health Services focuses on the delivery of front-line services including the administration of Canberra’s public hospitals, Walk-in centres and community health centres.

Due to the structure of the health agencies, most of the initiatives listed below will be delivered by both. For ease of reading, the initiative funding profiles for the separate agencies have been combined under each initiative.

The Government will commit an additional \$461 million over four years in this Budget to provide added resourcing in response to growing demand for core services across the ACT public health system and the increased complexity of health service delivery.

This brings the forecast for total health services expenditure over the next four years to \$8.5 billion.

A Health Funding Envelope is used to provide funding certainty for both Health agencies, regardless of changes in Commonwealth funding and other sources of income. The operating costs associated with new health facilities are also funded from the envelope which includes annual indexation for price growth as well as growth in activity.

Many initiatives contained in this Budget are offset against this investment as can be identified in the initiative description financial tables. A component of this new funding will be provisioned to provide capacity for future health service expansion and to meet future funding needs and support improved efficiency of service delivery.

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**Better care in the community – Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
 Islander specific mental health services**


	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses	500	524	537	651	2,212
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-250	-524	-537	-651	-1,962
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>250</b>

The Government will provide ongoing funding for a culturally appropriate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Program that focusses on community-based suicide prevention, intervention, postvention and aftercare.

This initiative builds on the pilot for a targeted support service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders experiencing mental and emotional distress in a culturally safe manner, which was part of the 2020-21 COVID-19 Mental Health Support Package.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domains of Health and Access and connectivity.

**Better care in the community – Continuing the Mental Health  
 Detention Exit Community Outreach program**


	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses	300	308	315	0	923
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-300	-308	-315	0	-923
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

The Government will continue the expanded Detention Exit Community Outreach (DECO) program for a further three years. DECO provides short-term intensive transitional support services, of up to 18 months, for individuals with a diagnosed mental illness who are exiting detention.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domains of Health and Access and connectivity.

**Better care in the community – Continuing the Mental Health  
 Discharge Accommodation Program**


	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses	1,000	1,025	0	0	2,025
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-1,000	-1,025	0	0	-2,025
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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The Government will support the Mental Health Foundation ACT to continue the Mental Health Discharge Accommodation Program pilot for a further two years. This will enable the development of a more comprehensive data set to evaluate the program.

The pilot program, which was part of the 2020-21 COVID-19 Mental Health Support Package, currently provides transitional supported accommodation for those discharged from the Adult Mental Health Unit that are at risk of homelessness.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domains of Health and Access and connectivity.

### Better care in the community – Continuing to support the Home Assessment and Acute Response Team



	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses	1,223	0	0	0	1,223
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-1,223	0	0	0	-1,223
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

The Government will continue support for the Home Assessment and Acute Response Team (HAART) program, which provides urgent mental health assessment and intervention, helping to reduce hospital admissions.

This initiative builds on funding initially provided through the COVID-19 Mental Health Support Package.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domain of Health.

### Better care in the community – More support for community delivered mental health



	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses	667	2,758	2,520	2,581	8,526
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-667	-2,758	-2,520	-2,581	-8,526
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

The Government will provide funding to community organisations for mental health programs targeting early intervention, including the Moderated Online Social Therapy program (MOST), Catholic Care's Youth & Wellbeing program and the Parentline counselling service.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domains of Health and Access and connectivity.

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**Better care in the community – Planning for additional supported accommodation houses**


	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses	184	0	0	0	184
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-184	0	0	0	-184
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

The Government will develop a model of care to assist in the future development of supported accommodation for people living mental health challenges.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domain of Health.

**COVID-19 Response – Mental health support package**


	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses	3,862	0	0	0	3,862
Offset – COVID-19 Response Fund	-3,602	0	0	0	-3,602
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>260</b>

The Government will support the delivery of additional mental health services to Canberrans affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and associated lockdowns. This assistance builds on funding the Government provided to a range of community-based mental health programs as part of the 2020-21 COVID-19 Mental Health Support Package and complements the additional support package funded through the 2021-22 COVID-19 Response Fund.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domain of Health.

### Improving our public health system – Expanding acute mental health services



	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses	9,266	10,578	10,735	10,898	<b>41,477</b>
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-9,266	-10,578	-10,735	-10,898	<b>-41,477</b>
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

The Government will establish 10 additional acute mental health inpatient beds at the Canberra Hospital in the refurbished Ward 12B and provide funding for additional High Dependency capacity at the Adult Mental Health Unit to meet increased demand for mental health treatment.

The Government will also extend mental health surge capacity at Calvary Public Hospital Bruce by three months.

This initiative builds on the recent expansion of Ward 12B, funded as part of the Community Health and Hospitals Program. These combined investments ensure that people receive the right treatment for their level of need and acuity across our mental health system.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domain of Health.

### Improving our public health system – Winnunga Health services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander detainees at the AMC



	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses – Health	1,476	0	0	0	<b>1,476</b>
Expense – Justice and Community Safety	838	0	0	0	<b>838</b>
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-1,476	0	0	0	<b>-1,476</b>
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>838</b>

The Government will provide funding to support the continuation of Winnunga’s holistic model of health service delivery to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander detainees at the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC).

This initiative builds on Government actions in response to the *2016 Moss Review*, including the initial funding provided in 2017-18 to integrate Winnunga’s model of care at the AMC.

This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domains of Health and Access and connectivity.



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**Portfolio:** Health

**Health Staffing Breakdown:**
**Talking points:**

- ACT Health Directorate new initiatives will employ 147 full time equivalents (FTE) in 2021-22.
- The impact on FTE of 2021-22 new initiatives (ACT Health only) is summarised below:

Initiative	FTE 2021-22
Introduction of nursing and midwifery ratios	1.5
COVID-19 Response	94.0
Patient Navigation Service (Empowering patients for better healthcare)	0.5
Implementation of ABM in the ACT Health System	2.0
COVID-19 Vaccination Program	41.5
Northside Hospital Development	7.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>147.1</b>

- There are no mental health specific new initiative FTE.
- ACT Health has a budget FTE for mental health functions of 23.5 (12.5 FTE in the Mental Health Policy Unit and 11.0 FTE in the Office for Mental Health and Wellbeing).

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**Portfolio:** Mental Health

**HEA MH E01 - Continuing the Mental Health Discharge Accommodation Program**

	2021-22 \$000's	2022-23 \$000's	2023-24 \$000's	2024-25 \$000's	Total \$000's
Expense	1,000	1,025	-	-	2,025

**Talking points:**

The Government will support a Discharge Accommodation Program pilot until 2022-23 to enable a more comprehensive data set to be developed for an evaluation of the program. The pilot program currently provides housing for those discharged from the Adult Mental Health Unit that are at risk of homelessness.

This initiative builds on the program that was part of the 2020-21 COVID-19 Mental Health Support Package that provided transitional supported accommodation to people exiting acute inpatient care.

**Background information**

DAP supports people experiencing mental illness and co-occurring homelessness are supported on their recovery journey upon exit from an acute inpatient unit, reducing the frequency of need for acute service use and improving recovery outcomes. During its pilot phase, DAP freed up 324 days of bed space in Adult Mental Health Unit (AMHU).

The Government will proceed to an open tender process for the program with the two years additional funding. The current provider is contracted to 28 February 2022. Procurement timelines will see completion of the process by the end of February 2022 without time for transition out/in (if the current provider is not successful). To facilitate this, there may be a need to extend the current provider's contract to 30 June 2022 to ensure service continuity.

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**Portfolio:** Mental Health

**HEA MH E02 - Better care in the community – Continuing the Mental Health Detention Exit Community Outreach**

	2021-22 \$000's	2022-23 \$000's	2023-24 \$000's	2024-25 \$000's	Total \$000's
Expense	300	308	315	-	923

**Talking points:**

The Government will provide funding to continue the expanded Detention Exit Community Outreach (DECO) program for another three years. DECO provides short-term intensive transitional support services, of up to 18 months, for individuals with a diagnosed mental illness who are exiting detention.

This initiative builds on recent Government actions in this area, including the expansion of the DECO program as part of the 2020-21 COVID-19 Mental Health Support Package.

**Background Information**

The DECO program, delivered by Wellways Australia, provides short term intensive transitional support services to individuals with diagnosed mental illness who are exiting detention and reintegrating into the community.

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**Portfolio: Mental Health**
**HEA MH EO3 - Better care in the community – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Specific Mental Health Services**

	2021-22 \$000's	2022-23 \$000's	2023-24 \$000's	2024-25 \$000's	Total \$000's
Expense	500	524	537	651	<b>2,212</b>
Offset	-250	-	-	-	<b>250</b>

**Talking points:**

- The Government will provide ongoing funding for a culturally appropriate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Program to deliver community-based suicide prevention, intervention, postvention and aftercare for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Canberrans.
- This funding builds on an initial allocation which was part of the 2020-21 COVID-19 Mental Health Support Package. The initial funding enabled the scoping, co-design, and establishment work to be undertaken and will make a contribution to commencing implementation.
- In 2020, broad local community consultation found that the existing suicide prevention services in the ACT are not well utilised by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population and a specific, culturally appropriate suicide prevention service would be the best opportunity to change this reality.
- Community led co-design workshops and the engagement of the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Working Group led to development of a bespoke service design underpinned by a culturally appropriate model of care and strong community connections.
- The tender for the service was released for applications on 18 June 2021 and the tender evaluation is progressing with representation from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Working Group on the evaluation team.
- The announcement of the successful tender, the allocation of funding and the commencement of service implementation by the successful tender is expected this year.
- The 2021-22 budget funding will ensure that the ACT leads the nation in delivering suicide prevention, intervention, postvention, and aftercare services holistically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Canberrans.

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**Portfolio:** Mental Health

**HEA MH EO6 - Improving our public health system – Winnunga Health Services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Detainees at the AMC**

	2021-22 \$000's	2022-23 \$000's	2023-24 \$000's	2024-25 \$000's	Total \$000's
Expense *	1,476	-	-	-	1,476
FTE	1.0	-	-	-	1.0

\* JACS will receive \$838,000 for correctional support, not included in the above.

**Talking points:**

The Government will provide funding to support the continuation of the Winnunga's holistic model of health service delivery to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander detainees at the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC).

This initiative builds on recent Government actions in response to the 2016 Moss Review, including the initial funding provided in 2017-18 to integrate Winnunga's model of care, specifically developed to meet the complex health and social support needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander detainees, at the AMC.

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**Portfolio: Mental Health**
**HEA MH E07 - Better care in the community – More support for Community Delivered Mental Health**

	2021-22 \$000's	2022-23 \$000's	2023-24 \$000's	2024-25 \$000's	Total \$000's
Expense	667	2,758	2,520	2,581	8,526

**Talking points:**

- The Government will provide funding for mental health programs targeting early intervention, including the Moderated Online Social Therapy program (MOST), Catholic Care's Youth & Wellbeing program and the Parentline counselling service.
- This initiative builds on recent Government action in this area, including the provision of funding to Catholic Care as part of the 2020-21 COVID-19 Mental Health Support Package.
- This initiative will provide a more timely, supportive, and accessible mental health system for people in the ACT.
- The initiative includes 3 elements:

	2021-22 \$000's	2022-23 \$000's	2023-24 \$000's	2024-25 \$000's	Total \$000's
Moderated Online Social Therapy (MOST)	463	2,493	2,247	2,303	7,506
CatholicCare - Youth and wellbeing program	164	224	230	233	851
Parentline ACT	40	41	43	45	169
	<b>667</b>	<b>2,758</b>	<b>2,520</b>	<b>2,581</b>	<b>8,526</b>

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**Portfolio:** Mental Health

**Budget Day – Continuing to support the Home Assessment and Acute Response Team (CH MH E01)**
**Talking points:**

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses	1,223	0	0	0	<b>1,223</b>
Offset – Health	-1,223	0	0	0	<b>-1,223</b>
Funding Envelope					
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

- The Government will continue support for the Home Assessment and Acute Response Team (HAART) program, which provides urgent mental health assessment and intervention, helping to reduce hospital admissions.
- This initiative builds on funding initially provided through the COVID-19 Mental Health Support Package.
- This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domain of Health.
- HAART provide a rapid response in the form of community-based assessment and interventions for urgent referrals for adult who resided in the ACT. HAART also provides:
  - Intensive Home Treatment for adults referred from the Inpatient Mental Health Unit to facilitate early discharge.
  - Intensive Home Treatment for adults who are referred from the community.

**Key Information**

- One year of funding for the HAART program.

**FTE Impact**

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Doctors	0	0	0	0
Nurses	4.00	0	0	0
Allied Health	3.00	0	0	0

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<b>Total Health Professionals</b>	<b>7.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Administration	0.50	0	0	0
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>7.50</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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**Portfolio:** Mental Health

**Budget Day – Improving our Public Health System – Expanding Acute Mental Health Services (CHS MH E03CB)**
**Talking points:**

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses	9,266	10,578	10,735	10,898	<b>41,477</b>
Offset – Health Funding Envelope	-9,266	-10,578	-10,735	-10,898	<b>-41,477</b>
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

- The Government has funded 10 additional acute mental health inpatient beds at Canberra Hospital in refurbished Ward 12B. The measure will also fund additional High Dependency capacity at the Adult Mental Health Unit to meet increased demand for mental health treatment.
- This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domain of Health.
- 12B will address:
  - The immediate needs for acute mental health inpatient beds in the ACT. The acute service is a critical area of investment to ensure timely care can be accessed by the most unwell in the community;
  - Increase capacity for acute mental health inpatient beds, thereby reducing bed block in the Emergency Department due to increased bed availability;
  - Reduces pressure on the mental health system and resources to supports the stepped approach to care and therefore alleviates pressures across the system;
  - Improved staff experience and reduction in fatigue due to increased resources in line with service demand; and
  - Increased systems capacity allowing increased opportunity for focus on strategic clinical service improvement opposed to reactive operational management.

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**Key Information**

- Funding sought allows for the expansion of Ward 12B at Canberra Hospital and the realignment of Low Dependency to High Dependency beds. The phasing profile is as follows:
  - Three months of Calvary surge beds in anticipation of CHS Ward 12B opening on 20 September 2021.
  - Ward 12B funding is for 10 months commencing 1 September 2021 to allow capacity for staff handover and training in order for patient acceptance from 20 September 2021.
  - Clozapine Coordinator – Nine months.

**FTE Impact**

	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
Doctors	2.70	3.20	3.20	3.20
Nurses	31.40	37.50	37.50	37.50
Allied Health	16.40	19.40	19.40	19.40
<b>Total Health Professionals</b>	<b>50.50</b>	<b>60.10</b>	<b>60.10</b>	<b>60.10</b>
Administration	4.20	5.00	5.00	5.00
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>54.70</b>	<b>65.10</b>	<b>65.10</b>	<b>65.10</b>

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**Portfolio:** Mental Health

**Budget Day – Model of Care for additional supported accommodation houses – Model of Care (CHS MH E04)**
**Talking points:**

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses	184	0	0	0	<b>184</b>
Offset – Health	-184	0	0	0	<b>-184</b>
Funding Envelope					
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

- The Government will undertake development of model of care to assist in the future development of supported accommodation for people living with mental health challenges.
- This initiative contributes to the wellbeing domain of Health.

**Key Information**

- This investment includes labour costs for one year only for a:
  - Clinical Liaison Officer (Senior Officer Grade B) required to coordinate the analysis of health data and prepare a contemporary model of care and Health Planning Unit Brief to inform future concepts, design, and services redesign requirements.
- The initiative reflects the ACT Government's commitments in the Parliamentary and Governing Agreement, specifically to:
  - Build five additional supported accommodation houses over the next four years (Appendix 4: ACT Greens Policy Platform for the 10th Assembly).

**Background Information**

- Supported accommodation models provide safe and secure housing with regular support from mental health clinicians and support workers to improve the lives of people with a mental illness and prevent a relapse into serious illness.
- Canberra Health Services (CHS) is required to progress this work due to the increasing need for supported accommodation as well as due to the ACT Government commitments in the Parliamentary and Governing Agreement in 2020, specifically to build five additional supported accommodation houses over the next four years.

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- Investment in this model of care will support timely delivery of services and will enable appropriate time to deliver on the infrastructure and commissioning aspect of this work, post the model of care delivery.
- CHS does and will work closely with Housing ACT on matters of supported accommodation for consumers.
- The proposed dedicated CHS resource will maximise value from this investment by developing the supported accommodation model of care in the context of the existing Mental Health model of care.
- Accordingly, the model of care work will ensure system integration across all levels of Mental Health service delivery to optimise capacity, efficiency and patient support across the mental health stepped care model.

### FTE Impact

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Doctors	0	0	0	0
Nurses	0	0	0	0
Allied Health	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Health Professionals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Administration	1.00	0	0	0
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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**Portfolio:** Mental Health**2021-22 COVID-19 Mental Health Supports****Talking points:**

- In 2021-22, the mental health portfolio will invest **\$10.7 million** in this budget to address mental health demands including demands attributed to COVID-19.
- In addition, **\$3.602 million** direct COVID-19 stimulus investments were announced to support people in our communities experiencing vulnerabilities, disadvantage or poor health including:
  - **\$1 million** to expand the Police, Ambulance and Clinician Emergency Response (PACER) program, with an additional team for 6 months to support the community when they need it and in a familiar setting, such as their home.
  - **\$200,000** to provide more services and additional support for people affected by eating disorders.
  - **\$90,000** to extend services to young people suffering moderate to severe mental illness requiring more intensive support at home.
  - **\$80,000** between Gugan Gulwan and Yeddung Mura to provide additional counselling and wellbeing supports to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Canberrans.
  - **\$70,000** to Mental Illness Education ACT for additional mental health, programs for schools, individuals, and businesses in response to COVID-19.
  - **\$40,000** for Companion House to support additional counselling and social support services for asylum seekers and refugees.
  - **\$40,000** to CARE Financial Counselling to support people who have lost work and income during lockdown.

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**Other Background information:**

- Direct COVID-19 stimulus investments for the community since 2019-20 are included in the table below. Overall, \$52.0 million has been invested to support the mental health of Canberrans.

source	COVID-19 MH Investment	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
20-21 BP	COVID-19 MH Package		265					
20-21 BP	Mental Health Support Package	192	2,355					
20-21 BP	Community Support (MH Item)		265					
20-21 BP	Expanding Mental Health support and services		1,195					
20-21 BP	Expanding Mental Health support and services		754	145	147	149		
2021-22 CHS	Addressing Critical Mental Health Service Demands (HDU and LDU)*			10,489	10,578	10,735	10,898	
2021-22 Media	Additional Mental Health service demands during Lockdown.			260				
2021-22 Media	Mental Health Support Package			3,602				
	<b>Total</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>4,834</b>	<b>14,496</b>	<b>10,725</b>	<b>10,884</b>	<b>10,898</b>	<b>52,029</b>
	* this addresses MH service demands which is also attributed to COVID-19.							

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**Portfolio:** Mental Health**Commonwealth Investments in Mental Health****Talking points:**

- Partnering with the Commonwealth, ACT health will deliver and operationalise the following mental health facilities and programs to accommodate:
  - **\$5.974 million** - Youth Digital Navigation Portal and Youth Aware Mental Health Program,
  - **\$13.500 million** - Residential Eating Disorders Centre,
  - **\$4.300 million** - Community-based residential alcohol and other drug rehabilitation expansion and modernisation, and
  - **\$10 million** to provide for a ten-bed low dependency unit at the Canberra Hospital through the renovation of Ward 12B and funding of low dependency mental health beds (this occurred in 2020-21).

The ACT Government will provide for the operational funds as these programs and facilities come online.



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**Portfolio:** Mental Health**Additional Community and Mental Health support packages****Talking points:**

- The Government will provide a total of **\$3.9 million** in community and mental health COVID-19 support package (\$3.6 million is in addition to the 2021-22 Budget).
- Funding will be provided to community organisations who respond to people in our communities experiencing vulnerabilities, disadvantage and or poor health. The funding will provide direct relief to members of the community, as well as boosting the capacity of critical community services to meet increases in demand.
- The last lockdown period revealed six specific groups of Canberrans with particular mental health support needs. Additional support will be provided to ensure more people at-risk have greater access to mental health resources and assistance when they feel most isolated.
- This funding is extending mental health support through partner organisations to expectant and new parents, members of the LGBTQI+ community, young people suffering mental ill-health, people experiencing both homelessness and mental ill-health, and carers.

**Attachment A**

<b>Provider/Identified Area of Need</b>	<b>Amount \$</b>
Perinatal Wellbeing - extend support to families who are about to have a baby or who are caring for a newborn	40,000
Meridian - support at-risk Canberrans in the LGBTQI+ community at particular risk of heightened mental ill-health	40,000
Catholic Care - extend services to young people suffering moderate to severe mental illness requiring more intensive support at home	40,000
Mental Health Justice Health Alcohol and Drugs Service - supporting people with severe mental illness experiencing homelessness	40,000
Carers ACT - support carers and the people they care for	40,000
Woden Community Service - increased support of suicide prevention services	40,000
Materials and activities to help contact and connect with groups of Canberrans who do not use social media	20,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>260,000</b>

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**Attachment B**
**Community Support Package proposals**

Category	Recipient organisations:	Funding for Organisations
<b>Community supports to access Health care</b>		
<p><b>Improving access to primary care for our most vulnerable</b>            Interchange has approximately 1700 clients, with the majority experiencing significant mental health issues that have been exacerbated by COVID.</p> <p>This funding would be used to provide wrap around mental health supports to this vulnerable group using existing IHC initiatives as opportunistic ways of identifying people in need (e.g., vaccinations at the Early Morning Centre and patient liaison with headspace Canberra).</p> <p>Funding would comprise \$104000 for a social worker (0.8 of HPO level 3 @ \$130,000), \$5000 recruitment costs and \$2,500 administration.</p>	Interchange Health Co-operative	\$110,000 (in addition to proposed \$247,500 funding provided through <i>Delivering better care for Canberrans with Complex needs through GP MIN21/1690</i> )
<p><b>Helping new parents access advice and support</b>            Currently access to ABA services requires \$90 membership which enables families to access antenatal breastfeeding classes, breast-pump hire and one on one breastfeeding support. ABA has subsidised some memberships since the commencement of lockdown in recognition of the challenging financial circumstances some families are experiencing. Additional funds would enable ABA to deliver these services to more families, many of whom are experiencing a greater level of isolation from informal and formal supports than in non-Covid times.</p>	Australian Breastfeeding Association (ABA)	\$8,000
<p><b>Additional support for vulnerable public housing clients</b>            The Organisation is funded to provide identified support for vulnerable people affected by COVID-19 lockdowns, specifically at Condamine Court and Ainslie Village during exposure site response. This support may include staff to assist delivery of support services, care packages and</p>	Community Options	\$300,000

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<p>other material items to assist people comply with the requirement to maintain quarantine or lockdown effectively.</p>		
<p><b>Additional counselling and social support services, including torture and trauma services, to asylum seekers and refugees in the ACT.</b>          The vulnerable populations supported by Companion House have been disproportionately affected by the lockdown, and often pre-existing mental health conditions are exacerbated in this environment.          Current unmet need for counselling services for children is particularly affected - currently a 4-week waiting list.</p>	Companion House	<p>\$40,000          In addition to extension of \$98k from the <i>Delivering better care for Canberrans with complex needs through GP</i></p>
<p><b>Alcohol and Drug Package</b>          The funding is for the expansion (due to increase in demand) of the delivery of OMT to clients as they are unable to psychically access community pharmacy at this time for their prescriptions. This is an extension and slight expansion of an existing scheme. It does not relate to the prescription of OMT. This represents a larger proportion of OMT patients in quarantine or under stay-at-home restrictions who require daily treatment than the original COVID-19 outbreak seen at the start of the pandemic.</p> <p>Directions have reported an increase in demand for the OMT delivery service. urgent need for additional capacity with OMT deliveries now at 30 per day with more expected in coming weeks.</p>	Directions ACT	\$524,000
<p>5 additional Peer Treatment Support workers (PTS) per day working at the Turner Staging Point as well as Ainslie Village, Condamine Court, ANU and others site as they arise to respond to quarantining of vulnerable clients. The proposal is for 5 additional PTS. Two separate requests from CAHMA have been received. The original request was for 3, and additional request has subsequently requiring support for additional 2 FTE surge capacity. The training is to support and upskill CAHMA in de-escalation techniques for clients under stress as its not part of the normal practice with PTS.</p>	Canberra Alliance for Harm Minimisation and Advocacy	\$300,000

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<p>As restrictions continue, there is a need to provide additional treatments and counselling support to those with substance use conditions and Alcohol and Other Drug clients, who are currently struggling with the lockdown. When we transition back to the community following the ending of lock down there will be a surge in activity as community members have been unable to access services during lockdown. Funding sought will be provide for a co-design process with the Alcohol and Drug sector to provide funding to services and treatment modalities as required to meet demand created by the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	Flexible AOD Treatment Support	\$160,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,442 million</b>

### Mental Health and Community Support Package proposals

Category	Recipient organisations:	Funding for Organisations
<p><b>Community Assistance and Support Program</b>            CASP funding to several providers considered to have been impacted by increase in provision of lockdown services.            Eighteen partners directly provide community-based health services to vulnerable people through the Community Assistance and Support Program (CASP). The public health emergency has placed strain on a significant number of these providers, with about a third reporting an over-spend or oversubscription for CASP services in the last reporting period. The demand for some service-types has increased significantly, including for transport and food deliveries. At the same time, the need for more routine supports, including domestic assistance and personal care, has not abated in many instances. The situation has been exacerbated for some providers by the hesitance of volunteers, many of whom are themselves vulnerable people, to commit to voluntary service during periods of community transmission.            C@W typically reported an over-subscription for its CASP services and consequently, for several reporting periods, it reported unfunded CASP-related activities. This situation turned around for C@W in the first half of 2020-21, but the downturn in service provision was mainly attributable to (now filled) staff vacancies, and it is likely that services have since returned to a state of over-subscription.</p>	Communities@Work, Woden Community, Northside, CS1, CRCS	\$100,000

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<p><b>Individual Advocacy</b></p> <p>People with disability are uniquely impacted by COVID-19 due to their heightened risk of severe health impacts from the disease and disruption to the delivery of essential disability services. The ACT Government is supporting disability service providers to ensure continued, safe delivery of services, however, there is a need to support individual advocacy organisations to ensure people with disability remain well supported throughout the pandemic. This includes ensuring that people with disability have access to individual advocacy services to assist with: disability accessible tools to combat isolation during lockdown; access to PPE; applying for increased NDIS supports. Advocacy for Inclusion and ADACAS have also been delivering important accessible communications on COVID, such as Easy English resources.</p>	<p>ACT Disability, Aged &amp; Carer Advocacy Service Inc.</p> <p>AFI</p>	<p>\$60,000</p>
<p><b>Mental Health supports</b></p>		
<p>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander specific services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To provide additional counselling and support services to meet the increased needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their families, in response to the impact of COVID restrictions, delivered by community-controlled organisations.</li> <li>○ Gugan Gulwan supports young aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the ACT. They work with children, young people and their families.</li> <li>○ Yeddung Mura offers support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the community, including crisis support, yarning circles, and community connections.</li> </ul>	<p>Gugan Gulwan Yeddung Murra</p>	<p>80,000</p>
<p>To provide additional capacity for Mental health services at the AMC</p>	<p>Winnunga</p>	<p>80,000</p>
<p>Menslink have identified a high level of bookings for counselling following the first COVID lockdown in Canberra. Menslink offer counselling and mentoring to young boys and men in Canberra, and can continue to offer their services online.</p>	<p>Menslink</p>	<p>\$40,000</p>
<p>For additional support for workplaces and workers who have lost or reduced employment including for telephone and face to face support. OzHelp provides mental health and wellbeing supports to the construction industry. This will also support adaption to changing workplace environment due to COVID restrictions.</p>	<p>OzHelp</p>	<p>\$50,000</p>
<p>Development and delivery of additional mental health programs for schools, individuals, and businesses in response to COVID-19. Children and young people are identified as a priority cohort for mental health and wellbeing supports.</p>	<p>MIEACT</p>	<p>\$70,000</p>

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<p>To increase the capacity of the Transition to Recovery (TRec) to address increased numbers and needs of people who have exited inpatient mental health care. Advice from WCS is that TRec is operating at 106% capacity in August.</p>	Woden Community Services	\$20,000
<p>The PACER program is a key component of the ACT mental health crisis response, specifically in providing care and support for people in the community and reducing pressure on hospital EDs and other acute services. PACER is designed to give people a better experience of mental health treatment and support and provide them with the care that they need, where and when they need it. This funding will enable an expansion of the PACER service for a period of six months, with the addition of alcohol and drug clinical support.</p>	PACER	\$1,065,000
<p>To help meet the increased demand for counselling and information support for parents and carers who are experiencing greater amounts of stress due to COVID-19 and lockdown. Parentline's phone counselling service is already operating at high demand following increased need since the beginning of the pandemic in 2020. This is in addition to \$40,000 to be delivered in the 2021-22 budget.</p>	Parentline	\$10,000
<p>To extend services to young people suffering moderate to severe mental illness requiring more intensive support at home. CatholicCare received an additional \$40,000 in the recently announced supports for mental health, which enabled an additional full time support resource for the Youth &amp; Wellbeing Program for six months to assist another 15 young people with moderate-severe mental health. This program is continuing to see an increase in demand with 40 young people remaining on the waitlist. CatholicCare has capacity to scale up additional resources to this program.</p> <p>Marymead's New Horizons is a clinical outreach program servicing children and young people from zero to eighteen who need support and counselling due to mental illness or being at-risk of mental illness. New Horizons was already seeing an increase in demand up to the pandemic.</p>	Catholic Care / Marymead	\$90,000 (in addition to CatholicCare allocated through 2021-22 Budget)
<p>To extend mental health support services for the LGBTIQ+ community. Meridian has experienced continued increase in demand for support during lock down. Meridian received an additional \$40 000 in the recently announced supports for mental health, which enabled a counsellor to provide support for an additional one day per week for six months. Meridian has capacity to scale this service up.</p>	Meridian	30,000
<p><b>Crisis support</b></p>	Lifeline ACT	70,000

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<p>In support and recognition of the ACT Government's use and acknowledgment of encouraging ACT residents, experiencing crisis, to seek Lifeline services. Lifeline often sees people in acute crisis, and is an important suicide prevention service.</p>		
<p><b>Supporting those in the community with Eating Disorders</b>        Eating Disorders Families Australia (EDFA) provides support, mentoring, education and information to families of a loved one with an eating disorder. Funding will provide subsidised membership for approximately 150 families in the ACT to join EDFA for 12 months and have access to important career support programs.        EDFA would welcome opportunities to promote the organization and support services and raise their profile through this initiative.</p>	Eating Disorders Families Australia (ACT)	\$5,000
<p>There has been an increase in eating disorders during the period of the pandemic. In the ACT we have seen an increase in pre pubertal presentations of eating disorders. While work is underway to develop an ACT Eating Disorders Residential Centre and Early Intervention Service in the community, these services will not be operational for 12-18 months. The Clinical Hub is scaling up to full operation and acts as a coordination point by bringing together the resources and expertise on pathways and treatment plans for eating disorders.        There are two opportunities to provide additional one-off funding in the interim while community-based services are scoped and become operational:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- funding to enhance local services which include a psycho education service and course for parents as well as supporting a university led clinic that aims to provide early intervention.</li> <li>- recruitment of an in-reach clinician for 12 months to support inpatients on wards and facilitate early discharge, support for families and connection to services post discharge.</li> </ul>	Canberra Health Services - Eating Disorders Clinical Hub	\$195,000
<p>To provide additional capacity for Justice Health Services at the AMC, targeting especially people experiencing high prevalence disorders such as anxiety and depression.</p>	Canberra Health Services, Justice Health Services	120,000
<p>Supporting CALD communities with culturally appropriate mental health services. The Multicultural Hub supports migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Canberra, including young people. This funding will support the COVID-safe, online delivery of services from the Hub, to support the CALD community to stay connected and supported.</p>	Multicultural Hub Canberra	40,000
<p>Mental health support for Trans, Intersex and Gender Diverse people. Isolation is likely to exacerbate mental health issues amongst A Gender Agenda's clients, who already experience higher rates of mental ill-health. This will allow A Gender Agenda to increase their delivery of</p>	A Gender Agenda	20,000

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advocacy and support services, as well as information and resources tailored to the Intersex, Trans and Gender Diverse community during the COVID lockdown.		
Support for new parents and parents-to-be. Perinatal Wellbeing Centre provide mental health support including crisis support, phone support, and support groups. Extra assistance is required for parents during the perinatal stage due to the increased negative impact of isolation and disruption to health services on parents already struggling with mental ill-health.	Perinatal Wellbeing Centre	40,000
Financial counselling supports for people struggling financially during COVID due to loss of work, increased living costs, or need for financial counselling for issues such as gambling.	CARE Financial Counselling	40,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$2,225 million</b>

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**Portfolio:** Mental Health**2021-22 Budget Summary - Funding provided to peaks and stakeholders****Talking points:**

- The ACT Government continues to invest strongly in our non-government sector as it has a critical role in helping to keep people well in the community and prevent people from deteriorating to the point of crisis or acute admission.
- In 2021-22 the ACT Government will provide NGOs and community stakeholders with \$19.2 million. This is a significant component of the overall mental health budget for 2021-22 of \$220.1 million.
- This investment represents an average increase of 12 per cent in mental health funding for community organisations since 2018-19.
- As part of this funding, the ACT Government provides \$1.7 million in funding to three mental health peak body organisations. These are the ACT Mental Health Consumer Network, Carers ACT, and the ACT Mental Health Community Coalition.
- Each of these organisations represents a key part of the mental health system, the consumers of mental health services, their carers and the community organisations themselves respectively.
- They provide information and support to their members, advocacy and representation, and research and policy development services.
- These are critical functions within the mental health system of the ACT and I am proud of how closely we have been able to work with the peaks.
- The broader funding to the non-government service providers enables the provision of a diversity of community based supports ranging from prevention and early intervention supports through to psychosocial supports for people with living with mental illness.
- In addition to the budget and the mental health items, the ACT Government also announced in August and September the provision of **\$3.86 million** for additional support for mental health and community organisations to respond to the mental health impacts of the pandemic and lockdown across the ACT community.

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**Other background information**

- The ACT government has invested \$65 million over the last four budgets with peak bodies and will continue this investment growing to \$97.6 million over the forward estimates.

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Non Government Organisation Payments by Supplier	2018-19 \$ ' 000	2019-20 \$ ' 000	2020-21 \$ ' 000	2021-22 ^	2022-2023 *	2023-24 *	2024-25*
				\$ ' 000	\$ ' 000	\$ ' 000	\$ ' 000
A GENDER AGENDA	500	507	407	353	361	368	375
ACT DISABILITY AGED & CARER ADVOCACY SERVICE INC	152	162	172	176	180	183	187
ACT MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMERS NETWORK	402	477	499	495	505	515	525
AIDS ACTION COUNCIL OF THE ACT INC	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
ASSISTING DRUG DEPENDENTS INC	65	0	0	0	0	0	0
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE	50	50	50	52	53	54	55
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY	174	178	182	185	188	192	196
BEYOND BLUE LIMITED	354	122	78	78	80	81	83
BLACK DOG INSTITUTE	554	461	213	0	0	0	0
CANBERRA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	39	50	41	42	43	43	44
CAPITAL HEALTH NETWORK LTD	912	1,424	1,237	1,245	1,270	1,295	1,321
CAPITAL REGION COMMUNITY SERVICES LIMITED	439	477	516	535	545	556	567
CARERS ACT LTD	454	476	497	509	520	530	541
GROW	218	230	242	249	254	259	264
HEADSPACE SERVICES LTD	53	0	0	0	0	0	0
KOOMARRI	301	531	554	582	594	606	618
LIFELINE CANBERRA INC	10	250	75	0	0	0	0
MARATHON HEALTH LTD	266	0	0	0	0	0	0
MEN'S LINK	50	55	210	135	138	140	143
MENTAL HEALTH AUSTRALIA LTD	21	52	2	54	55	56	58
MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY COALITION ACT	1,045	1,102	970	774	789	805	821
MENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION ACT INC	0	0	1,000	0	0	0	0
MENTAL ILLNESS EDUCATION ACT INC	644	1,054	854	722	736	751	766
MIND BLANK LTD	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
OZ HELP FOUNDATION LTD	710	827	741	754	769	785	800
PANDA - PERINATAL ANXIETY & DEPRESSION	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
PERINATAL WELLBEING CENTRE INC	677	736	691	756	772	787	803
RELATIONSHIPS AUSTRALIA CANBERRA & REGION INCORPORATED	164	178	271	174	178	181	185
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN AS TRUSTEES FOR SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL PTY LTD	1,521	1,643	1,867	1,795	1,831	1,867	1,905
ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (CANBERRA/GOULBURN) INCORPORATED	0	14	147	154	157	161	164
STRIDE MENTAL HEALTH LTD	0	0	636	647	660	673	687
TRANSPORT CANBERRA AND CITY SERVICES	18	19	0	0	0	0	0
WELLWAYS AUSTRALIA LIMITED	3,111	3,303	3,507	3,573	3,645	3,718	3,792
WESLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES LIMITED	0	36	0	0	0	0	0
WINNUNGA NIMMITYJAH ABORIGINAL HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LTD.	0	0	0	666	679	693	707
WODEN COMMUNITY SERVICE INC	942	1,015	1,031	1,051	1,072	1,093	1,115
YOUTH COALITION OF THE ACT	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (including funding yet to be Committed)	15	1	-601	3,449	6,724	9,775	12,679
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,040</b>	<b>15,521</b>	<b>16,089</b>	<b>19,206</b>	<b>22,796</b>	<b>26,168</b>	<b>29,400</b>
^ - indexation is set to rise by 0.75%							
* Forward years 22/23 – 24/25 - most contracts are to be renegotiated in 2022/23							

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**Portfolio/s:** Health**ISSUE: ACT Health COVID-19 COMMUNICATION WITH CALD COMMUNITIES**COVID-19 – Public Information Coordination Centre

- The COVID-19 website has ACT specific information available in 20 languages.
  - The content provides information on key public health directions and community information in relation to the ACT outbreak.
  - Availability of the Telephone Interpreter Service and how to access this service is also available.
  - Daily media press conferences were covered by multilingual media and a daily summary available in 14 languages with links to these outlets provided on the COVID-19 website.
  - COVID-19 media statements are provided in audio format to two Canberra community radio stations. These stations collectively broadcast in more than 20 languages spoken in the ACT. Statement is also provided to RiotACT Chinese edition team.
  - The PICC works closely with the COVID-19 response community engagement team and a liaison officer from the Community Services Directorate to help identify opportunities to communicate with CALD communities.
- 
- Facebook campaign advertising includes a language translation option.

COVID-19 Vaccination Program – CALD outreach*Community Radio*

- Paid community radio ads which have been running in 10 languages and the social media ads have been targeting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities.
  - This includes production and media buy for the COVID-19 vaccination campaign bursts one, two and three.

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- Radio scripts are provided to Canberra Multicultural Community Forum (CMCF) to read out in different languages during their community radio shows.

#### *Website resources*

- Resources are available on the COVID-19 website to encourage people to get vaccinated. These include posters, and digital screens, social media tiles and frames. There are also social media tiles and radio ads translated into 14 languages.
- They are designed for community organisations to share with their members through their communication channels so that more Canberrans have access to trusted sources of information.

#### *Face to face presentations by ACT Health COVID-19 Vaccination team*

- The COVID-19 Vaccination team has presented to the following groups:
  - The Migrant And Refugee Settlement Services (MARSS) – presented to this group on three occasions with interpreters (Farsi and Arabic)
  - Multicultural Reference Group
  - Disability sector – presented to this group on two occasions through the Office of Disability
  - African community – a webinar was held for this cohort

#### Face to face presentations by the ACT Health COVID-19 Response team

- A total of 12 community engagement sessions were facilitated with CALD and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities from fourth quarter 2020 to first quarter 2021.
- Invitees to these sessions included:
  - Yarramundi Cultural Centre- with multicultural NGO's and Service providers
  - Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre- with cultural and community organisations
  - ACTCOSS Gulanga Program
  - Multicultural Youth

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- Multicultural communication networks
- Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal corporation
- Interfaith association of Canberra
- ACT language schools
- Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre- with NGO's and service providers
- Yeddung Mura Good Pathways- Priestly Obed and Nannies group.

#### Online sessions with ACT Health

- African Australian Association
- Indonesian community
- Bangladeshi Senior's Club
- Alianza Cultural Latino Americana Inc
- Federation of Indian Associations Inc ACT

#### Equity to Access Program

- Several in-reach vaccination clinics have commenced at dispersed locations across the Territory under the Equity to Access Program. This program works by using the trusted and established supports within our community to help individuals to access vaccination and to optimise vaccine uptake across our community.
- To deliver the program, the ACT Government has collaborated with primary care organisations such as Interchange Health Co-Op and Directions Health Services to provide vaccinations to our diverse communities. ACT Health has been responsible for coordination, communication and promotion amongst stakeholder groups and target audiences. This has included online information, social media, letter box drops, eflyers, posters and direct emails to stakeholders and consumers alike – each ensuring access to translated information for CALD groups, and information for Aboriginal and Torres Islander people.

#### Multicultural Health Reference Group

A member of the ACT Health COVID-19 Vaccination team attended the September 2021 Multicultural Health Reference Group meeting to take questions from members on the vaccination rollout.

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**ISSUE: MINISTER'S FACT SHEET**

	YTD 2019-20	YTD 2020-21	change	Q4 2019-20	Q1 2020-21	Q2 2020-21	Q3 2020-21
<b>Walk-in Centres</b>							
<i>Number of presentations to Walk-in Centres</i>	56,985	50,741	-11%	9,516	12,401	18,936	19,404
<b>COVID-19 Testing Centres</b>							
<i>Number of presentations to COVID-19 Testing Centres</i>	1,620	133,591	8,146. 4%	21,424	52,327	36,664	44,600
<b>Emergency department</b>							
<i>Number of presentations by hospital</i>							
Canberra Hospital	69,187	68,848	-0.5%	18,201	21,818	24,213	22,816
Calvary Public Hospital Bruce	42,361	44,272	4.5%	11,271	13,821	15,586	14,866
Total	<b>111,548</b>	<b>113,120</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>29,472</b>	<b>35,639</b>	<b>39,799</b>	<b>37,682</b>
<i>Number of presentations by triage category</i>							
1—Resuscitation	794	714	-10.1%	226	224	259	231
2—Emergency	13,360	13,633	2.0%	3,809	4,194	4,869	4,570
3—Urgent	50,211	47,005	-6.4%	12,844	15,732	16,770	14,503
4—Semi-urgent	40,246	42,873	6.5%	10,746	13,151	14,799	14,923
5—Non-urgent	6,937	8,895	28.2%	1,847	2,338	3,102	3,455
Total	<b>111,548</b>	<b>113,120</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>29,472</b>	<b>35,639</b>	<b>39,799</b>	<b>37,682</b>
<i>Percentage of patients seen on time by triage category<sup>1</sup></i>							
1—Resuscitation	99.9%	100.0%	0.1	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
2—Emergency	77.4%	77.4%	3.2	78.8%	78.7%	76.5%	76.5%
3—Urgent	27.6%	36.4%	8.8	57.3%	43.0%	32.7%	33.4%
4—Semi-urgent	43.0%	49.1%	6.1	77.1%	58.4%	44.0%	45.7%
5—Non-urgent	79.9%	81.5%	1.6	97.8%	88.6%	79.6%	78.1%
Total	<b>42.6%</b>	<b>50.2%</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>70.1%</b>	<b>56.2%</b>	<b>46.5%</b>	<b>48.1%</b>
<i>Proportion of presentations with a length of stay of 4 hours or less<sup>2</sup></i>							
Canberra Hospital	52.0%	53.5%	2.2	62.2%	55.3%	52.2%	53.1%
Calvary Public Hospital Bruce	61.9%	64.1%	3.5	68.1%	66.8%	63.1%	62.7%
Total	<b>55.8%</b>	<b>57.6%</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>64.5%</b>	<b>59.8%</b>	<b>56.5%</b>	<b>56.9%</b>

1. The benchmarks for seen on time are as follows:

- Triage category 1—100%
- Triage category 2—80%
- Triage category 3—75%
- Triage categories 4, 5 and overall—70%

2. The performance benchmark for emergency department presentations with a length of stay of 4 hours or less is 90%.

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	YTD 2019-20	YTD 2020-21	change	Q4 2019-20	Q1 2020-21	Q2 2020-21	Q3 2020-21
<b>Elective surgery waiting lists</b>							
<i>Number of patients waiting longer than clinically recommended at end of period</i>	889	978	10.0%	1,317	1,013	1,090	978
<i>Percentage of elective surgery procedures performed within clinically recommended timeframes</i>							
Urgency 1 (see within 30 days)	97.1%	98.5%	1.4	98.3%	98.3%	98.9%	98.2%
Urgency 2 (see within 90 days)	67.9%	62.8%	-7.5	48.6%	60.3%	68.4%	60.3%
Urgency 3 (see within 365 days)	75.8%	72.5%	-4.4	77.0%	70.7%	74.9%	72.2%
<i>Total number of elective surgery procedures</i>	10,420	11,313	8.6%	2,448	3,982	3,601	3,729
<i>Additions to the elective surgery waiting list</i>	12,319	12,619	2.4%	3,097	4,300	4,138	4,032
<b>Separations from public hospitals</b>							
<i>Number of inpatient separations</i>							
Same day	45,243	48,774	7.8%	13,642	15,966	16,378	16,432
Overnight	43,319	43,977	1.5%	12,703	14,838	14,838	14,301
<b>Total</b>	<b>88,562</b>	<b>92,751</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>26,345</b>	<b>30,804</b>	<b>31,216</b>	<b>30,733</b>

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**Portfolio:** Health**QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORTING AND PUBLICATION OF DATA FOR CONSUMERS****Talking points:**Quarterly Performance Report – January to March 2021Patient experience

- The quarterly performance report continues to show that the vast majority of people treated in our public hospitals experience a high quality of care.
- 93.0 per cent of patients provided positive feedback on their experience within Canberra Health Services and 91.6 per cent reported a positive experience at Calvary Public Hospital Bruce.

Emergency presentations

- Emergency Department wait times continue to be a challenge and a key focus for both Canberra Hospital and Calvary Public Hospital Bruce.
- Compared with the same time from the previous year, presentations across our system were 5 per cent higher.
- 56.9 per cent of patients were treated and left the emergency department within four hours, an increase of 0.4 per cent from the previous quarter.
- Median waiting times in the most urgent triage categories remained the same as the previous quarter, with all Category 1 patients treated immediately and Category 2 patients waiting only 6 minutes for treatment. Both median waiting times are in line with the recommended national treatment times.
- In the less urgent triage categories 3 and 4, the median waiting time to treatment decreased by 1.7 and 4.2 per cent respectively compared with the previous quarter, while for triage category 5 the median wait time increased by 1.8 per cent. The median waiting time for these triage categories ranged between 57-69 minutes for these three categories.

### Elective surgeries

- In Quarter 3 2020-21, the ACT delivered 3,729 elective surgeries, an increase of 3.6 per cent from the previous quarter. The number of elective surgeries performed in Quarter 3 2020-21 is 20.8 per cent higher than the same quarter in the previous year.
- At 11,313, the number of elective surgeries performed in the first three quarters of 2020-21 is a record and reflects incredible work occurring through a collaborative effort across our public and private hospitals.
- We have been aiming to deliver more than 16,000 elective surgeries in 2020-21 and that was always going to test the capacity for surgeries able to be performed across all ACT hospitals.
- Unfortunately, Canberra Hospital has been experiencing high demand for emergency surgery. Combined with capacity constraints across the system, this means it is unlikely that the ambitious target of 16,000 will be achieved. However, our teams will deliver at least 1000 more elective surgeries in 2020-21 than the previous record number of 14,015 in 2018-19.
- The number of overdue patients waiting for their elective surgery decrease by 10.3 per cent to 978 patients in Quarter 3, 2020-21.

### Walk-in Centres and COVID-19 Testing Centres

- Non-COVID presentations increased by 2.5 per cent this quarter with more than 19,400 presentations.
- The median wait time for treatment across the network was only 14 minutes.
- Almost 76 per cent of people presenting were treated at the Walk-in Centre and only 6 per cent of people were redirected to an Emergency Department.
- During the Quarter 3, the six COVID-19 respiratory clinics and testing centres saw a total of 44,600 presentations, an increase of 21.6 per cent from the previous quarter.

### **Background**

#### Publication of Data for Consumers

- In addition to existing sources of timely health information like the Quarterly Performance Report, HealthStatsACT and the ACT Government's Open Data Portal,

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the ACT Government also publishes the COVID-19 dashboard on [covid19.act.gov.au](https://covid19.act.gov.au) to provide Canberrans with up-to-date case information and visualisations.

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**Portfolio:** Health**ACT's Emergency Department Performance and Timely Care Strategy****Talking points:**

- Our emergency departments continue to treat high numbers of presentations.
- Although emergency department presentations have slowed during the current COVID-19 outbreak, additional safety measures have been put in place to ensure we manage patients with COVID-19 symptoms safely and this may result in increased wait times in some instances.
- Hospitals continue to see 100 per cent of Category 1 patients on time.
- Timeliness for treating triage category 3 and 4 patients remains below where we aim to be and both of the hospitals have improvement programs in place. These efforts are continuing even with the additional pressure of managing the COVID-19 outbreak.

**Emergency Department improvement programs**

- **Canberra Health Services** continues to implement its Timely Care Strategy.
- This includes redesign and improvement initiatives to ensure patients receive the right care, at the right time and in the right place. Specific initiatives include:
  - a daily CHS-Wide huddle attended by the senior leadership staff, plus daily, multi-disciplinary team ward huddles, to ensure appropriate discharge from wards to enable patient flow from the ED;
  - use of Discharge Lounges, which increase the availability of beds across the system; and
  - development of the Patient Flow and Capacity Escalation Framework to operate across the whole of Canberra Hospital.
- **Calvary Public Hospital's** emergency department expansion was opened in 2020 and has added eight new short stay beds and 14 additional treatment spaces to the system. This increased Calvary's ED capacity by 50 per cent, and increased ED capacity across the Territory by 20 per cent.

## QUESTION TIME BRIEF

- Calvary has been implementing a targeted Action Plan to ensure a high quality, safe and efficient ED service. This Plan includes strengthening:
  - the model of care in the ED, with the aim of improving patient flow and experience;
  - whole of hospital patient flow, to support timely admission from ED, including improved communications between the ED and the wards and improved discharge practices;
  - staff rostering and daily workforce allocation;
  - staff skills, education and team culture, including multi-disciplinary education and team building, triage capability, waiting room monitoring, and nurse educator roles; and
  - escalation policy and practice for long waiting patients.

### ACEM: A new approach on time-based targets pilot

- The *Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM) Paper: A new approach on time-based targets* proposes a new range of targets for the number of hours spent in the ED before admission or discharge.
- Currently, the ACT has a single measure for all patients to be admitted or discharged from the ED within four hours. The new proposal from ACEM seeks to trial a more granular set of targets, according to triage categories.
- The ACT is collecting data against these proposed new measures and targets to assist with ACEM’s analysis of the proposal.

### Background

Table 1: Emergency Department Presentations

Time Period	ED Presentations at CHS	ED Presentations at CPHB	Total Territory wide ED presentations
2019-20 Financial Year <sup>1</sup>	87,388	53,633	141,021
2020-21 Financial Year <sup>2</sup>	93,423	60,295	153,718

1. 2019-20 FY results were impacted by COVID-19.
2. CPHB and Territory wide 2020-21 results are sourced from cleared data prepared for the 2020-21 ACT Health Directorate Annual Report. CHS results are derived from that data..

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# QUESTION TIME BRIEF

Table 2 ED timeliness - latest published results

Full year 2020-21	Target (%)	CHS (%) <sup>1</sup>	CPHB (%) <sup>1</sup>	ACT (%) <sup>1</sup>
<b>Seen on time<sup>2</sup></b>				
Resuscitation, Triage Category 1	100	100	100	100
Emergency, Triage Category 2	80	78	73.5	76.5
Urgent, Triage Category 3	75	29	39.2	34.6
Semi-urgent, Triage Category 4	70	43	51.9	46.1
Non-urgent, Triage Category 5	70	77	81.2	77.7
Percentage of emergency department presentations whose length of stay in the emergency department is four hours or less <sup>3</sup>	90	53 <sup>4</sup>	63.1	56.6

Note:

1. CHS results are sourced from the CHS 2021-22 Budget Statement. The 2020-21 full year result for CHS is not yet available for the Percentage of emergency department presentations whose length of stay is the emergency department is four hours or less. CPHB and ACT results are sourced from cleared data prepared for the 2020-21 ACT Health Directorate Annual Report.
2. The triage category targets for the proportion of ED presentations that receive medical assessment and treatment within clinically appropriate timeframes are sourced from the ACEM Australasian Triage Scale.
3. The target for the percentage of emergency department presentations whose length of stay in the emergency department is four hours or less is sourced from the ACT Health Directorate 2020-21 Budget Statement Strategic Indicator 2.3 – Improving Timeliness of Emergency Department Treatment.
4. Quarter 3 (latest publicly available result), ACT Public Health Services Quarterly Performance Report, January to March 2021, [health.act.gov.au](http://health.act.gov.au)

Table 3 Mental Health Emergency presentations - latest cleared results

Time Period	Mental Health Presentations at CHS ED	Mental Health Presentations at CPHB ED	Total Territory wide ED presentations - Mental Health
2019-20 Financial Year	3,428	1,859	5,287
2020-21 YTD 30 March 2021	2,472	1,616	4,088

Note:

1. Results provided by DSD on 16 July 2021.
2. Results do not include suicidal ideation.

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**Portfolio:** Health**ISSUE: COVID-19: ACT OUTBREAK – KEY FACTS AND FIGURES****Talking points:**

- In the 24 hours to 8:00pm on 16 October 2021:
  - The ACT recorded 17 new cases of COVID-19.
  - 1,015 cases linked to the current outbreak have recovered from COVID-19.
  - 441 active cases.
  - 1,464 cases have been recorded in the current outbreak.
  - 1,588 cases since the start of the pandemic.
  - Eight deaths have been recorded in the current outbreak.
  - 11 deaths have been recorded since the start of pandemic.
- 104 active exposure locations are currently listed in the ACT.
- As of 9:00am on 18 October 2021, 1,578 negative tests were returned.

**Quarantine numbers**

- As of 9:00am on 18 October 2021, 3,233 individuals are in quarantine in the ACT.
  - 3,055 are in home quarantine; and
  - 178 are in hotel quarantine.
- Of the 3,233 individuals currently in quarantine:
  - 1,494 are close contacts of locally acquired cases; and
  - 1,687 individuals are from COVID-19 affected areas.

**Hospitalisations**

- As of 8:00pm on 17 October 2021, 17 people are in hospital, including:
  - nine (9) people in intensive care, and
  - seven (7) people requiring ventilation.

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- Since the beginning of this outbreak on 12 August 2021, 98 individuals have been hospitalised for COVID-19.

Cases in vulnerable/high-risk settings and population cohorts

- *Calvary Haydon Aged Care Facility*
  - A case was notified to ACT Health on 23 September 2021. The source was a resident who acquired their infection in Calvary Hospital Emergency Department.
  - 19 cases have subsequently been detected in residents and staff at the Calvary Haydon Aged Care Facility, as well as in two household contacts, one of whom was a staff member who did not acquire their infection at work, or work while infectious.
  - The last identified positive case was cleared as recovered on 16 October 2021.
  - The declared outbreak at this facility will conclude 14 days from the clearance of the last positive case, which at this time is due to be 31 October 2021.
- *Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC)*
  - A case in a detainee was detected at the Alexander Maconochie Centre on 11 September 2021 through routine screening processes.
  - Several cases have been identified in detainees at the AMC which were detected through routine screening or were previously known cases.
  - A case in a staff member was notified to ACT Health on 30 September 2021.
  - ACT Health, Justice and Community Safety Directorate and Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service are working closely on the public health response at AMC. No transmission has been detected at the AMCE.
- *Canberra Hospital*
  - Six (6) detected cases have been associated with Ward 14A.
  - Three (3) detected cases have been associated with Ward 10A.

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- Seven (7) detected cases have been associated with the Special Care Nursery.
  
- *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community*
  - As at 8:00pm on 17 October 2021, 153 cases have been identified in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in the ACT.
  - ACT Health is working closely with Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service and other community partners to provide wrap around support services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the ACT.
  
- *Overall impact on disability sector*
  - As at 8:00pm on 17 October 2021:
    - 25 cases have been identified in disability support clients
    - 32 cases have been identified in disability support workers, and
    - 5 cases have been identified in other disability support providers such as allied health workers and volunteers.
  
- *Just Better Care*
  - 14 cases have been associated with 'Just Better Care' Aged Care and Disability Support Services including two (2) workers and two (2) clients and household contacts.
  
- *Focus Disability*
  - 30 cases have been detected in people associated with Focus Disability services.
  
- *Haven Care Disability Support*
  - Two (2) cases have been detected in people associated with Haven Care Disability Support services.

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## Compliance

- The Check In CBR app continues to be a vital tool in our response to COVID-19 and as at 17 October 2021:
  - 26,613 venues had registered with Check In CBR
  - approximately 64.6 million check ins had been recorded and
  - 9,600 Check In CBR cards had been requested.
- As of 12 October 2021, ACT Policing has issued:
  - 119 cautions;
  - 69 infringements; and
  - 54 arrests for alleged breaches of COVID-19 Public Health Directions.
  - 537 directions to the leave the ACT have also been issued.
- Within this period, ACT Policing has also conducted:
  - 46,475 traffic compliance stops;
  - 5,368 personal compliance checks; and
  - 1,997 business compliance checks.
- As at 11:59pm on 15 October 2021, Access Canberra and the Health Protection Service have undertaken a total of 20,673 proactive inspections and engagements across business and industry impacted by public health directions and COVID-19 restrictions.
  - During the period 12 August to 11:59pm on 15 October 2021, a total of 9,756 inspections were recorded which related to the activity of businesses permitted to operate and those required to be closed under the Lockdown Direction.
  - During the period 12:01am to 11:50pm on 15 October 2021, a total of 15 inspections were recorded which predominately related to business activities for businesses that could recommence trade post lockdown.

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**Portfolio:** Health

**ISSUE: COVID-19: NATIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES**
**Talking points:**

- Nationally, as of 9:00pm on 5 October 2021:
  - There have been 115,802 confirmed cases of COVID-19.
  - One new overseas acquired case and 1,165 new locally acquired cases were recorded.
  - There are currently 23,378 active cases across the country.
  - 1,357 people have died from COVID-19 in Australia.
  - 173,303 tests were conducted across Australia in the past 24 hours.

Location	Confirmed cases*
New South Wales	65,687
Northern Territory	213
Queensland	2,048
South Australia	907
Tasmania	234
Victoria	44,251
Western Australia	1,110

\* Note that under National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System reporting requirements, cases are reported based on their Australian jurisdiction of residence rather than where they were detected. For example, a case reported previously in the NT in a NSW resident is counted in the national figures as a NSW case.

**International**

- As of 5 October 2021, across the world there have been 235,175,106 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 4,806,841 deaths.
- As of 2 October 2021, a total of 6,188,903,420 vaccine doses have been administered worldwide.

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**Vaccine rollout**

- As at 4 October 2021 there have been 28,955,015 vaccine doses administered nationally.
  - 79.9 per cent of people aged 16 and older have had one dose of vaccine; and
  - 57.4 per cent of people aged 16 and older are fully vaccinated.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Confirmed vaccine doses administered</b>	<b>% first dose</b>	<b>% second dose</b>
Australian Capital Territory	715,531	93.8	67.8
New South Wales	10,439,459	88.6	67.7
Northern Territory	277,222	67.1	54.2
Queensland	4,973,774	67.8	48.9
South Australia	1,767,376	69.8	51.7
Tasmania	619,326	78.1	61.4
Victoria	7,652,537	82.9	53.6
Western Australia	2,509,790	67.1	49.0

*Data source: Australian Government Department of Health COVID-19 vaccine rollout update – 4 October 2021*

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**Portfolio:** Health**ISSUE: COVID-19: CURRENT RESTRICTIONS****Talking points:**

- The ACT's lockdown concluded at 11:59pm on 14 October 2021 after 63 days (lockdown commenced at 5:00pm on 12 August 2021).
- The ACT COVID-19 Pathway Forward was released by the Chief Minister on 27 September, outlining a gradual easing of restrictions in line with the National Plan and the ACT's vaccination targets.

Eased restrictions as of 15 October 2021**Social gatherings, leaving home and visitors**

- Five people can visit another household at any one time (children under 12 years of age not included in this limit), and up to 25 people are permitted to gather outdoors.
- Outdoor playgrounds, fitness stations, dog parks and skate parks are open with Canberrans reminded to ensure they comply with the gathering limits, maintain physical distancing and check in using the Check In CBR app where provided.
- Up to two people per day can visit a person who is a resident of a residential aged care facility, however the visitors must be vaccinated.
- Visitors who wish to visit a hospital or health care facility must comply with policies established by the facility.

**Places of Worship, Weddings and Funerals**

- Weddings and Places of Worship – Up to 25 people across the venue (not including staff) or one person per four square meters, whichever is lesser.
- Funerals – Up to 50 people are able to attend a funeral (not including staff) or one person per four square meters, whichever is lesser.

**Businesses**

- Gaming and gambling venues are permitted to open with a capacity limit of up to 25 people across the venue (not including staff) or one person per four square meters, whichever is lesser.

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- Patrons must remain seated whilst eating and drinking.
- Hospitality and licensed venues are permitted to open with up to 25 people across the venue if indoors or 50 people outdoors (but not both), or one person per four square meters, whichever is lesser. These density limits do not include staff.
  - Patrons must remain seated whilst eating and drinking.
- Hairdressers, beauty, and personal services – Up to five clients at any one time or one person per four square meters, whichever is lesser.

### Essential Retail

- Hardware and building supplies, agricultural and rural supplies, pet stores and businesses that sell essential office supplies can:
  - Continue to operate through click and collect or click and deliver services only, and
  - Permit up to two people from the same household (excluding children under 12 years of age) into a store at any one time by booked appointment.

### Non-Essential Retail

- All non-essential retail can operate click and collect or click and deliver services with no more than 10 staff permitted to be in the business at any one time, or one person per four square meters, whichever is lesser.
- Up to two people from the same household (excluding children under 12 years of age) are permitted to enter a store at any one time by booked appointments.

### Real Estate Services and Auctions

- Real Estate businesses are permitted to allow one person at any one time to conduct property inspections provided that:
  - The inspection is of a property that is for rent or sale, and
  - The inspection is undertaken by private appointment only, and
  - The inspection is conducted with either one person or more than one person if they are all from the same household, and
  - No other people are present at the time of the inspection, including residents of the house.

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- Photographing or filming a property is permitted with physical distancing to be maintained at all times.
- Property stylists may attend a residence to style the residence prior to sale, with physical distancing to be maintained at all times.
- Auctions are permitted to take place with up to 25 people (not including staff) or one person per four square meters, whichever is lesser.

### **Fitness and sport**

- Gyms, fitness centres, personal training and bootcamps – Up to 25 people across the venue (not including staff) or one person per four square meters, whichever is lesser.
  - Indoor classes and circuit sessions are not permitted.
  - Equipment must be cleaned after each individual use.
- Swimming pools – Up to 25 people permitted across the venue, with two swimmers each lane. Lessons and training can occur within capacity limits.
- Organised sporting activities – Up to 25 people in each outdoor space not including staff or one person per four square meters, whichever is lesser.
  - Minimise the use of shared equipment.
  - Change rooms closed.

### **Construction sector**

- Building and construction activities must strictly adhere to the 'ACT Building and Construction Industry COVID-19 Requirements'.

All Residential Construction – (Class 1 Buildings as defined under the National Construction Code) – regardless of whether the property is occupied or unoccupied

- No more than 10 workers on site at any one time or one person per four square meters, **whichever is lesser**.
- For occupied residences, up to five workers are permitted to work indoors at any one time.
- There is to be no interaction between workers and residents within occupied premises.

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Occupied residential apartments

- Only outdoor construction works permitted to take place.
- No more than 10 workers on site at any one time or one person per four square meters, whichever is lesser.

**Education and Childcare**

- On 5 October 2021, year 12 students were able to return to face-to-face learning for practical classes and key exams/assessments. Year 11 students were also able to attend for essential assessments that could not wait until 18 October.
- All remaining year levels will have a staggered return which will see:
  - All Year 11 and 12 students return to on campus learning on 18 October;
  - Early childhood will reopen, as well as pre-school to year 2, and years 6, 9 and 10 return to on campus learning on 25 October; and
  - Years 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 return to on campus learning on 1 November.
- Higher Education and Training should continue with remote learning except where essential instruction or learning activities cannot be adequately conducted remotely. Onsite learning must comply with density restrictions of one person per four square meters.

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**Portfolio:** Health

**ISSUE: COVID-19 Vaccination Rollout**
**Talking points:**

- COVID-19 Vaccination data as of 17 October:

	<b>ACT residents vaccinated (AIR)</b>	<b>ACT 16+ population covered (%)</b>	<b>ACT 12+ population covered (%)</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> dose</b>	362,266	99.9%	99.7%
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> dose</b>	288,973	82.3%	79.5%
<b>All doses</b>	653,734		

- As of 11:59pm on 17 October 2021:
  - the total number of COVID-19 vaccination doses administered by the ACT Government in the ACT is 374,807.
- In addition to the ACT's mass vaccination clinics at AIS Arena, Airport, the Access and Sensory Clinic (Weston Creek Walk-in Centre), approximately;
  - 87 GPs and respiratory clinics are onboarded as Commonwealth COVID-19 vaccinating sites that administer Pfizer or AstraZeneca.
  - 68 pharmacies are being onboarded as Commonwealth COVID-19 vaccinating sites that administer Astra Zeneca and Moderna.
- The ACT COVID-19 Vaccination Program is working to implement the recent ATAGI advice for third primary vaccine dose for individuals with severe immunocompromise.
- We continue to work on preparing for a booster vaccination program when ATAGI advice becomes available.
- The COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Calvary Hospital closed on 8 October, meaning AstraZeneca vaccine is no longer being offered through the ACT Government program.

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# QUESTION TIME BRIEF

## Seven day forecast:

- Based on the seven day average for second dose Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccinations, the projected population on 25 October 2021

	Projected ACT residents vaccinated	ACT 16+ population covered (%)	ACT 12+ population covered (%)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> dose</b>	318,198	91.6%	87.6%

## Residential Aged Care vaccination data:

- Current as of 13 October 2021

	Number of persons	Dose 1 (% vaccinated)	Dose 2 (% vaccinated)
<b>Staff</b>	2,943	99.9%	92.2%
<b>Residents</b>	2,339	95.8%	92.4%

## NDIS vaccination data:

- Current as of 14 October 2021 (as of last weekly update)

	Number of persons	Dose 1 (% vaccinated)	Dose 2 (% vaccinated)
<b>NDIS screened staff</b>	952	87.0%	79.4%
<b>Supported Independent Living residents</b>	447	87.9%	82.8%
<b>Residential Aged Care</b>	40	92.5%	82.5%
<b>All NDIS participants (16+)</b>	5,025	88.1%	72.3%
<b>NDIS participants aged 12 to 15 years</b>	879	85.7%	39.0%

## Vaccinations, next available appointment at ACT clinics

- Current as at 7:30am 18 October.

Clinic	Date
AIS Arena clinic	18 October
Airport (Pfizer)	18 October
Access and Sensory (Pfizer)	18 October
Calvary (AstraZeneca)	No longer operating

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### Mandatory vaccination

- Since 17 September, all residential aged care workers operating in the ACT are required to have at least one COVID-19 vaccination dose to be able to enter their place of work. I can confirm that 99.9% of our residential aged care workforce is now protected against at least one COVID-19 vaccination dose.
- Healthcare workers employed at public and private hospitals and ambulance and patient transport service workers will also be required to be vaccinated with a first dose by 29 October and a second dose by 1 December.
- In addition, work is underway to mandate vaccination for educators (including childcare workers), disability support workers who are engaged by a registered NDIS provider or state and territory government to provide intensive support services to people with disability, and in-home and community aged care workers.
- These vaccination requirements are designed to provide protection to critical workers against virus transmission, protect elderly and vulnerable members of the community who are more susceptible to the adverse effects of COVID-19 and reduce the risk of outbreaks in high-risk settings.

The ACT's position aligns with the decision of the National Cabinet and recommendations from the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and follows similar actions taken by other jurisdictions to protect their critical workforce and vulnerable community members.

- The COVID-19 vaccination requirements have and will be implemented through public health directions issued by the ACT Chief Health Officer.

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**Portfolio:** Health**ISSUE: COVID-19: NSW/ACT BORDER ARRANGEMENTS****Talking points:**

- From 12 noon on Saturday 16 October, NSW residents living in one of the approved border postcodes may enter the ACT for any reason under a standing exemption.
- Upon entering the ACT, NSW residents must follow the current public health directions and carry identification with them at all times to prove they reside in one of the approved postcodes.
- Anyone who lives outside of the approved border postcodes and needs to enter the ACT for essential work or health care reasons will still be required to seek an exemption.
- ACT residents can travel to the approved border region postcodes for any reason without the need to quarantine upon return to the ACT. However, quarantine requirements will apply if a person is identified as a close contact from a NSW exposure location or if they are coming from a COVID-19 affected area outside of the approved border postcodes.
- ACT residents must follow NSW public health orders when in NSW, including the need to be fully vaccinated before travelling and check in where required.
- We encourage all ACT residents who intend to visit any of the approved postcodes to ensure they have their proof of vaccination as required by the NSW Government.
- The expanded border region includes postcodes in the NSW local government areas of Bega Valley, Eurobodalla, Cootamundra-Gundagai, Hilltops, Snowy Monaro, Snowy Valleys, Upper Lachlan, and Wingecarribee.
- A full list of the approved border postcodes is available on the ACT Government COVID-19 website.

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### **Outer-border resident exemptions**

- Prior to 15 October 2021, people who lived outside the list of approved postcodes but no more than 150km from the ACT were considered ‘outer-border region’ residents and required an exemption to enter the ACT.
- On 15 October 2021 and 16 October 2021 the ACT expanded the ‘approved border region’ by an additional 17 and 26 postcodes respectively, totalling 53 approved postcodes for which travel to and from the ACT is exempted, without a quarantine requirement.
- This expanded region now fully covers the ‘outer border region’, meaning the exemptions team no longer considers applications for travel from this region.
- Since 12 August 2021, the ACT received over 9,000 applications related to travel to and from the outer border region on a daily or regular basis.
- As a result of the approved border region expansion, the Exemptions Team was able to withdraw over 650 outstanding exemption applications related to travel from these areas, and over 400 travellers were found eligible for early release from quarantine.

### **NSW Region patient exemptions**

- All patients who need urgent or time critical healthcare, whether they live in the ACT or surrounding NSW, will continue to receive this care despite travel restrictions.
- The Clinical Health Emergency Coordination Centre (CHECC) has determined that it will no longer require health care workers and patients who are travelling from NSW to seek an exemption to enter a health care facility.
- Health care workers and patients who are travelling from outside of the approved postcode region will still require a border exemption prior to entering the ACT.
- Travellers will just need to provide relevant documentation (correspondence from their employer or evidence of a medical appointment) in order for the exemption to be processed.
- Travellers who are entering the ACT for the purpose of visiting a patient or care in an ACT Health care facility will still require CHECC approval prior to entering the facility.

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**Portfolio:** Health**ISSUE: COVID-19 – Public Housing Response****Talking points:**

- ACT Health has led multi-agency public health responses at several public and social housing complexes due to the identification of positive cases of COVID-19.
- ACT Health has worked collaboratively with Housing ACT, ACT Policing, Canberra Health Services, Community Services Directorate and several non-government organisations to communicate with residents at these locations and address their specific needs.
- The Government has been working closely with our partners including the Canberra Alliance for Harm Minimisations and Advocacy (CAHMA), ACT Shelter, Directions Health Services, Health Care Consumers Association, Community Services #1, Community Options, Argyle Housing, Catholic Care and others to provide wrap around support to residents in social and public housing, as well as the wider community.
- Support has been provided to quarantined residents including the frequent delivery of food and other essential items, mental health support, linkages with care providers, on site COVID-19 testing and vaccination and other assistance as required.
- While multi-agency responses are in operation, a dedicated phone line operates 24 hours a day and is available for residents to contact on-site support services.
- ACT Health is operating two dedicated quarantine and isolation facilities – the ‘Lazaretto’ facility at the Australian National University and the ‘Ragusa’ facility in O’Connor – which provide support for positive cases and case contacts who are unable to safely isolate or quarantine in the community. A range of clinical, social, community and cultural supports are readily available at these facilities.

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### Condamine Court

- The Condamine Court housing complex in Turner was first identified as a COVID-19 exposure location over the weekend of 21-22 August 2021.
- On 6 September 2021, all residents of Condamine Court were released from quarantine and the multi-agency response concluded. An after-action review will soon assess how the response went and identify learnings.
- Overall, three (3) cases have been linked to the Condamine Court, two (2) of whom were residents.

### Ainslie Village

- Ainslie Village was identified as an exposure location following the identification of a positive case on 29 August 2021. A total of 15 cases have been recorded in residents at Ainslie Village.
- All cases and some close contacts were being quarantined off-site to protect the health and wellbeing of residents and support staff.
- On 26 September 2021, the staged operational withdrawal from Ainslie Village was completed. There continued to be a limited presence of ACT Health staff on-site to provide support to residents completing quarantine at Ainslie Village until 1 October 2021.
- The operation of Ainslie Village has fully transitioned back to Argyle Housing and Saint Vincent de Paul with support from ACT Health and Canberra Health Services.

### **Key Information**

- An outbreak in public housing was recognised early as a high-risk scenario and was extensively planned for over 2020-21. These plans have been activated and the occupants have been well supported.
- There have been 18 cases linked to these two (2) public housing sites to date; 15 in Ainslie Village and three (3) in Condamine Court. The operations at Condamine Court and Ainslie Village have now concluded.
- ACT Health has responded to positive cases in other public and social housing complexes in the ACT and continues to work with community partners in this response.

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**Portfolio:** Health**ISSUE:** COVID-19 – Check in CBR app privacy**Talking points:**

- The ACT Government recognises the need for strong privacy protections within the app to ensure Canberrans can be confident that their personal information will not be collected or used for purposes other than contact tracing.
- Following media reports of other jurisdictions being compelled to provide check in app data to law enforcement authorities under a subpoena or warrant, and similar concerns raised by the ACT Human Rights Commissioner, the ACT Government amended the *COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020* (the Act) to strengthen Check In CBR privacy protections.
- The changes enacted to the Act displace the power of courts and tribunals to order the production of check-in information collected for contact tracing. This ensures check-in data cannot be accessed by law enforcement in the ACT to investigate other matters.
- The Act now also strictly limits the use of ‘check in information’ to contact tracing or associated purposes by ensuring personal information collected through the Check In CBR app:
  - is provided directly to, and stored by, ACT Health; and
  - is stored for 28 days and is then destroyed unless the person is subject to an investigation or prosecution for:
    - an offence under the Bill;
    - failing to comply with a public health direction about contact tracing; or
    - giving false or misleading information about contact tracing.

**Background Information**

- The ACT Human Rights Commissioner wrote to the Minister for Health and Minister for Business and Better Regulation on 21 June 2021 raising concerns that Check in CBR App (the App) data could be lawfully accessed for purposes other than contact tracing, such as a court order or subpoena.

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**Portfolio:** Health

**ISSUE: COVID-19 – Human Rights considerations in the making of Public Health Directions including mandatory vaccination**

**Talking points:**

- Throughout the declared public health emergency, and in preparing each of the public health directions made under the *Public Health Act 1997*, the Chief Health Officer has been guided by human rights provisions and principles.
- In all instances, the intention of the Directions which have been implemented have been to protect the lives and health of the Canberra community by preventing and reducing the spread of COVID-19.
- Since early 2020, these protections have been achieved through public health directions including:
  - mandatory self-isolation of persons who are confirmed to have COVID-19, and quarantine for contacts of such persons;
  - restrictions on the conduct of certain non-essential businesses and undertakings that enforce stronger social distancing in settings in which people would ordinarily gather;
  - restrictions on movement, including entry to settings that are at greater risk from COVID-19 due to the presence of vulnerable persons (such as aged care facilities); and
  - restrictions on entry into the ACT from identified COVID-19 affected areas, including quarantine requirements or limitations on movement.
- As a result of the recent outbreak in the ACT, the Chief Health Officer reviewed and updated the statement which outlines her considerations of the human rights implications imposed through public health directions. A copy of this statement was tabled in the Legislative Assembly by the Minister for Health on 6 October 2021 and is available on the ACT Government COVID-19 website.

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### Human Rights Commission's concerns

- Section 120 of the *Public Health Act 1997* (the Act) provides that the Chief Health Officer may take any action or give any direction during a declared public health emergency that is considered necessary or desirable to alleviate the emergency.
- These actions or directions can be in relation to several matters including the reduction, removal or destruction of any threat to public health.
- The Chief Health Officer has noted the Human Rights Commission's concerns about the implementation of COVID-19 vaccination requirements through public health directions and acknowledges that public health directions are not a long-term solution to effectively manage COVID-19 transmission among workers in high-risk settings.
- However, the implementation of public health directions requiring vaccination of certain workers has been time critical, particularly as we continue to respond to the local outbreak, ongoing community transmission and the higher risk of virus transmission due to the delta variant.
- Any actions the Chief Health Officer takes under Section 120 of the Act must be administered in accordance with key objectives that include the protection of the public from public health risks as well as the provision of a rapid response to public health risks.
- The recommendations of Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and the decisions of National Cabinet have been for state and territories to implement vaccination requirements through public health orders or directions.
- The Chief Health Officer has closely considered the human rights implications of these public health directions and can assure the Committee that the intention of all public health directions under the public health emergency is to protect the health, and ultimately the lives, of all Canberrans.
- The Chief Health Officer has also given consideration to the reasonableness of public health directions to ensure they are directed exclusively to the objectives under Section 120.

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- A longer-term solution to managing the public health risk of COVID-19, whether it be considered in primary legislation, is a matter for the Government to consider over the coming months as we transition to COVID-normal.

#### Overview of policy approach to mandatory vaccination for workers

- The issue of COVID-19 vaccination requirements for workers in certain high-risk settings has been a matter of discussion for the AHPPC and National Cabinet for quite some time now.
- It is recognised that there is a high-risk of COVID-19 outbreaks in settings such as hospitals and health care facilities, residential and in-home aged care, and disability support due to the potential for rapid virus transmission among staff and vulnerable patients.
- We know that all COVID-19 vaccines authorised for use in Australia provide strong protection against severe illness and death and reduce the risk of onward transmission, which is why AHPPC has recommended COVID-19 vaccination requirements for workers in high-risk settings.

#### Vaccination for RACF workers and workers in health care settings

- In line with recommendations of AHPPC and decisions of National Cabinet, public health directions have been implemented in the ACT which require COVID-19 vaccination for workers in residential aged care facilities and health care settings.
- The public health direction for **residential aged care facility** workers was notified on 20 August 2021 and the vaccination requirement took effect from 16 September 2021.
- Currently, a worker must not enter or remain on the premises of a residential aged care facility in the ACT if they have not received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.
- The public health direction for vaccination of workers in **health care settings** was notified on 15 October 2021 with the following dates:
  - First dose required by 29 October 2021, and
  - Second dose required by 1 December 2021.

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### Vaccination for Disability Support Workers and In-home and Community Aged care

- Vaccination requirements will also be introduced for **disability support workers and in-home and community aged care workers** in line with the recommendation of AHPPC. This matter is currently in the consultation phase with a view to implementing a public health direction in the coming weeks.
- The first and second dose dates are proposed to align with the requirements for workers in education and care settings which are:
  - First dose required by 1 November 2021, and
  - Second dose required by 30 November 2021.

### Vaccination for workers in Education and Care settings

- The ACT Government has introduced COVID-19 vaccination requirements for teachers and staff in **education and care settings** where services are provided to children under the age of 12.
- This requirement has been implemented in recognition of the fact that children under 12 are not yet eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccination and that vaccination of all adults around children is the most effective way to protect children from disease.
- This public health direction is time limited until the end of the year as it is anticipated that children under 12 may become eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccination by this time.
- The public health direction was signed on 19 October with the following final dates for vaccination:
  - First dose required by 1 November 2021, and
  - Second dose required by 30 November 2021

### **Key information**

- The Human Rights Commission wrote to the Minister for Health on 1 September 2021 seeking the Government's consideration of the need for human rights assessments for each public health direction made during the public health emergency. A draft response has been prepared.

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- The Human Rights Commission wrote to the Clinical Health Emergency Coordination Centre on 12 October 2021 in response to the consultation paper on vaccination for workers in health care settings as circulated by Canberra Health Services. The Chief Health Officer provided a response addressing these concerns on 19 October 2021.
- Section 40B of the ACT's *Human Rights Act 2004* requires all public authorities to give proper consideration to, and act in a compatible way with, human rights.

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2	Mental Health Access and Utilisation	CIO*
3	Safe Haven Café	PPP
4	Youth Navigation Portal	OMHW
5	COVID-19 and Mental Health	OMHW
6	Calvary mental health unit COVID changes	OPLE (CMO)
7	Mental Health Support Packages	PPP

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**Portfolio/s:** Mental Health**Culture Review (Mental Health)****Talking points:**

- The mental health and wellbeing of our workforce is central to the changes that we will implement, ensuring our staff feel valued, safe and supported in the important work they do for our community.
- The effect of this will be a better public health system for staff and the Canberra community.
- The Culture Reform Oversight Group and the Culture Review Implementation Steering Group are ensuring effective and efficient implementation across the ACT public health system, including implementation of the 20 recommendations accepted from the *Final Report: Independent Review into Workplace Culture within ACT Public Health Services*.
- A comprehensive program plan will ensure that core objectives are met.
- As at 15 October 2021, eleven formal Oversight Group meetings have taken place.
- Additionally, one informal Oversight Group meeting was undertaken during Caretaker period on 22 October 2020 where the ACT Health Directorate, Canberra Health Services and Calvary Public Hospital Bruce presented on organisation progress.
- The Culture Review Oversight Group convened a workshop on 25 August 2020 to discuss and agree on the roles and responsibilities of the Group. Further discussions occurred at a second workshop held on 18 March 2021 and clarified the alignment between the Oversight Group and the Culture Review Implementation Steering Group and how ACT public health system initiatives would progress.
- In December 2020 information on the ACT Health website on the Culture Review Implementation was refreshed. The following documents were published:

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- The Workplace Culture Framework, which serves as the roadmap to support culture reform approaches across the ACT Public Health System;
  - Executive Summary: *ACT Public Health System. Investing in our People: A System-Wide, Evidence-Based Approach to Workplace Change* (Investing in our People Report);
  - ACT Public Health System: Evidence-Based Workplace Culture Framework;
  - ACT Public Health System: Evidence-Based Workplace Skills Development Model;
  - Eight Rapid Evidence Assessments; and
  - A video that outlines the work undertaken to date in cultural reform.
- Three working groups of the Oversight Group have been established to focus on system-wide issues, specifically:
    - System-wide Human Resources (HR) and people related matters;
    - Early intervention, supporting proactive engagement over matters that impact the workforce of the system; and
    - Supporting the transition of students to early career professionals.

### Second Annual Review of the Culture Review Implementaiton

- Ms Renee Leon was contracted to undertake the second annual review of the culture review implementation in May 2021.
- Ms Leon met with a range of key stakeholders in May and June of 2021 including the Minister for Health, Minister for Mental Health and members of the Oversight Group and gained insights to inform the annual review.
- Focus Groups were undertaken with staff from across the public health system and other key stakeholder groups during August and September 2021.
- The final report on the Annual Review is expected to be provided to the Minister for Health by mid-October 2021.

### Management and Leadership Training

- Developing manager skills is a priority across the health system and in response a request for tender to develop a management fundamentals training program was released on 14 May 2021, with responses closed on 15 June 2021. An evaluation process for this tender is being finalised and it is expected that a contract will be negotiated with the successful tenderer by end of October 2021.
- The Culture Reform Oversight Group acknowledged that substantial and enduring cultural change take time and require sustained effort over several years, and the ACT public health system is in an early phase of positive change.

### **Background Information**

- On 10 September 2018, the former Minister for Health and Wellbeing, Ms Meegan Fitzharris announced the Independent Review into the Workplace Culture within ACT Public Health Services in response to significant negative reporting about poor workplace culture across the three arms of the ACT Public Health Service over an extended time period. The Minister appointed an independent panel to undertake the review.
- The panel presented the *Final Report of the Independent Review into the Workplace Culture within ACT Public Health Services* to Minister Fitzharris on 5 March 2019. The Final Report was released to staff and the public on 7 March 2019.
- The Review overwhelmingly highlighted:
  - Inappropriate behaviours and bullying and harassment in the workplace;
  - Inefficient procedures and processes including complaints handling;
  - Inadequate training in dealing with inappropriate workplace practices;
  - Poor leadership and management at many levels throughout the ACT public health system;
  - Inefficient and inappropriate Human Resource practices, including recruitment; and
  - Considerable disengagement by clinicians from the management of ACT public hospitals and health services.
- The Final Report was tabled on 19 March 2019 in the ACT Legislative Assembly.

## QUESTION TIME BRIEF

- The former Minister for Health and Wellbeing tabled the Government Response to the Report on 16 May 2019. In the response, the Government agreed to all 20 recommendations of the Report. Implementation over the next three years formally commenced.
- The Culture Review Implementation Branch was established in April 2019 within the ACT Health Directorate to lead the planning and implementation of the Government Response. The Branch works closely with the Culture Review Oversight Group and the Culture Review Implementation Steering Group, established to ensure effective and efficient implementation.

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**Portfolio:** Mental Health**MENTAL HEALTH ACCESS AND UTILISATION****Talking points:**

- Mental health is a key priority area for the ACT Government. Considerable investment has been made in the ACT's mental health system over the last 10 years.
- Key achievements have included the establishment of the Office for Mental Health and Wellbeing in June 2018 and the appointment of an ACT Coordinator-General. The Office has a mandate to work across all government agencies to promote action for mental health. The Office is an important demonstration of the ACT Government's commitment to improving mental health for all Canberrans.
- In May 2020, the ACT Government announced the \$4.5 million COVID-19 Mental Health Support Package to address increased demands on mental health support services to ensure Canberrans can receive the support they need.
- The package included a number of initiatives to support the ongoing demand for mental health care in our emergency departments and acute mental health services.
- A range of new projects are underway and in the early planning stages, to meet the needs of the growing Canberra community. This investment aims to develop a dynamic and flexible service that improves safety for staff and consumers and improves the quality of care that can be provided.
- The ACT Government, through Canberra Health Services and ACT Health Directorate, is acting now to increase Territory-wide capacity so we can continue to provide care that meets the needs of the community.
- The *2021 Report on Government Services*, which includes data up to the 2018-19 financial year, shows that demand for government mental health services continues to increase year on year. This includes services in hospital admitted patient settings, emergency departments and community mental health settings.

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### Mental health presentations to emergency departments

- The number of mental health presentations to ACT emergency departments have generally remained stable from March to July 2021, until COVID-19 restrictions were applied in August 2021.

*Table 1: Mental health presentations to ACT EDs, 6 months to 30 September 2021*

	<b>Apr 2021</b>	<b>May 2021</b>	<b>June 2021</b>	<b>July 2021</b>	<b>Aug 2021</b>	<b>Sept 2021</b>
Canberra Hospital ED	264	260	249	268	199	229
Calvary Public Hospital Bruce ED	190	204	171	179	129	155
<b>ACT ED total</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>384</b>

### Access to mental health services for admitted patients (Quarterly Performance Report January-March 2021)

- ACT Health Directorate is reviewing the methodology for calculating mental health overnight bed days of care.
- The revised calculation methodology will be in accordance with National Standards. Consultation needs to occur with both health services to agree and implement the change.
- It is anticipated that this change will be implemented for the 2021-22 financial year.
- The total number of mental health overnight bed days of care decreased by 3.9 per cent in the January to March 2021 quarter, when compared with the previous quarter. When compared to the same quarter in the previous year there was a 0.9 per cent increase.

*Table 2: Comparison of mental health overnight bed days of care*

	<b>January to March 2021 (bed days)</b>	<b>October to December 2020 (bed days)</b>	<b>Percentage change (%)</b>
Canberra Hospital	4,943	5,735	-13.8
Calvary Public Hospital Bruce	3,257	3,314	-1.7
University of Canberra Hospital	2,032	1,599	27.1
<b>ACT Total</b>	<b>10,232</b>	<b>10,648</b>	<b>-3.9</b>

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- The average length of stay for mental health overnight patients decreased by 8.2 per cent in the January to March 2021 quarter, when compared with the previous quarter. When compared to the same quarter in the previous year there was a near 17 per cent decrease.

*Table 3: Comparison of average length of stay for mental health overnight patients*

	<b>January to March 2021 (days)</b>	<b>October to December 2020 (days)</b>	<b>Percentage change (%)</b>
Canberra Hospital	10.9	13.3	-18.0
Calvary Public Hospital Bruce	19.6	20.6	-4.9
University of Canberra Hospital	59.8	53.3	12.2
<b>ACT Total</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>-8.2</b>

Note: The ACT has three hospitals providing mental health services, each providing a different mix of admitted patient services. Canberra Hospital is a tertiary referral hospital, Calvary Public Hospital Bruce is a public general hospital and the University of Canberra Hospital is a public rehabilitation and subacute hospital.

### Mental health ward utilisation rates

- The ward utilisation rates for mental health adult overnight beds continued to be high throughout the previous 6 months, with utilisation rates regularly exceeding the number of permanently resourced beds.

*Table 4: Mental health utilisation rates, 6 months to 30 September 2021*

	<b>No. of beds</b>	<b>Apr 2021 (%)</b>	<b>May 2021 (%)</b>	<b>June 2021 (%)</b>	<b>July 2021 (%)</b>	<b>Aug 2021 (%)</b>	<b>Sept 2021 (%)</b>
Canberra Health Services (CH and UCH)	83	97.2	93.4	97.4	94.7	94.4	87.2
Adult Mental Health Unit (AMHU)	40	98.1	93.4	99.5	95.4	94.4	87.6
Mental Health Short Stay Unit (MHSSU)	6	95.5	84.4	96.8	82.7	86.1	59.8
University of Canberra Hospital Adult Mental Health Rehabilitation unit (AMHRU)	20	98.8	95.4	97.0	94.4	95.9	87.0
Dhulwa Mental Health Unit	17	89.4	89.5	94.1	98.3	91.4	96.8

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Calvary Public Hospital Bruce	36	110.8	110.0	110.9	107.0	86.1	99.4
Acacia Ward (formerly Ward 2N)	21	98.6	96.5	97.8	94.5	92.1	99.4
Older Persons Mental Health Unit (OPMHU)	Mar-Jul: 15 Aug: 20	127.9	128.8	129.3	124.4	77.6	-
<b>ACT total</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>100.7</b>	<b>97.7</b>	<b>101.6</b>	<b>98.5</b>	<b>91.3</b>	<b>89.8</b>

Note: In 2020-21, the OPMHU figures include capacity of an average five beds per annum to accommodate surge demand for adult acute mental health patients, pending completion of expansion of capacity at Canberra Hospital. In August 2021, the OPMHU ward was converted to a COVID-19 Respiratory Assessment Unit and capacity for public mental health patients was sourced from Calvary Bruce Private Hospital under agreement with the Territory.

## Background Information

### *New projects and funding commitments*

- The projects planned by the ACT Government will improve and expand clinical spaces to provide improved physical and psychological safety for people admitted to acute services as well as improving staff safety and reduce the level of occupational violence. These projects include:
  - Increasing the High Dependency bed capacity across the Territory to meet the changing demand for access to high acuity services; and
  - Increasing the Low Dependency (LDU) bed capacity across the Territory to meet the increasing demand for access to acute Mental Health services.
- As part of the \$4.5 million Mental Health Support Package, the ACT Government is investing in programs to increase options to respond early to mental health issues and suicidal crisis, reducing demand on critical emergency and crisis services:
  - \$720,000 to expand Access Mental Health and Home Assessment Acute Response Team (HAART);
  - \$720,000 to expand the tri-service Police, Ambulance and Clinician Emergency Response (PACER) service to 7 days a week;
  - \$500,000 for transitional accommodation services to address delays to discharge from acute services due to accommodation issues;
  - \$341,843 to commence work on establishing two safe haven cafes that are aimed at better support for people in distress and reduce demand on emergency and crisis services;
  - \$250,000 for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health Program;
  - Funding to support community organisations adapt to new modes of service delivery; and

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- A grants program to support innovative approaches to promote mental health and wellbeing in the ACT community. The range of projects will be supported by appropriate resources to match the increase in capacity and demand.
- The ACT Government has also committed to a range of additional investments and supports for mental health and suicide prevention in the Parliamentary and Governing Agreement for the 10th Legislative Assembly. This Agreement outlines a progressive agenda for the ACT Government to strive towards over the next 4 years and includes a range of important mental health programs including:
  - Expansions to PACER;
  - Improving the emergency department experience for people with the development of a Psychiatric Alcohol and non-prescription Drugs Assessment Unit;
  - Building additional supported accommodation houses;
  - Boosting community counselling, mentoring, home visits, advocacy and case management for young people; and
  - Improving the range of programs that target and support youth mental health, eating disorders, alcohol and substance use with mental health, First Nations mental health, First Nations suicide prevention and postvention and respite for mental health carers.

### ***Mental health beds at ACT public hospitals***

- At Canberra Hospital, AMHU and MHSSU contain 46 adult admitted patient mental health beds, providing voluntary and involuntary psychiatric care and treatment for people with a mental health illness.
- The number of admitted adult patient mental health beds at Calvary Public Hospital Bruce, will be 41 up until 30 September 2021, reverting to 36 beds after that date. The ACT Government has funded an additional 5 mental health “surge” beds, pending expansion of capacity at Canberra Hospital, which will be completed by this time.
- The OPMHU physical space at Calvary Public Hospital Bruce was identified as a suitable facility for the development of a respiratory ward for potential COVID-19 patients. Stage 1 of the respiratory ward is now operational.
- Additional capacity for public mental health patients is being supplied under agreement with Calvary Bruce Private Hospital.
- There are currently no dedicated adolescent mental health beds in the ACT. The model of care for children and young people requiring admitted patient mental health services is that they are admitted to the most appropriate admitted patient unit under the lead care of a paediatrician. A dedicated adolescent mental health facility is planned for opening in late 2022 as part of an integrated adolescent unit within the Centenary Hospital for Women and Children.

### ***Calculation methods***

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Tables 2 and 3

- Overnight bed days and average lengths of stay are calculated in accordance with national counting rules, where a patient's episode of care is not counted until the episode is complete and they are discharged from hospital.
- Depending on the timings of patient admissions and discharges within a quarter, and due to the relatively small population serviced by ACT public hospitals, a small number of episodes of care can result in substantial differences in results when comparing consecutive quarters.

Table 4

- Utilisation rates (also known as occupancy rates) are a measure of resource utilisation within available hospital funding. Utilisation rates are measured using the minutes per day that an available overnight bed is used for patient care.
- In accordance with standard calculation methods used nationally, utilisation rates are calculated using the average available overnight beds. It is possible to have a utilisation rate greater than 100 per cent if beds are temporarily opened to accommodate patients as required.

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**Portfolio/s:** Mental Health**Safe Haven Café****Talking points:**

- The ACT Government is committed to continuing its investment to ensure more mental health support for Canberrans during and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic. A key initiative being developed through mental health support funding is the Safe Haven Café pilot.
- The Safe Haven Café will be a warm, non-clinical, safe space where people can freely go if they are experiencing emotional distress, mental health concerns, isolation and loneliness and are seeking social connection and support.
- It is an important addition to the mental health service system, enabling an improved response to people experiencing distress and/or mental health concerns and reducing demand on emergency departments when a person's needs may be better met in a less clinical, less stressful environment.
- The Safe Haven Café will employ an experienced peer workforce to support people to navigate their distress in a way that is meaningful to them. Importantly, the service will offer opportunities for people to increase self-determination, self-efficacy and foster hope.
- A co-design approach was utilised for the development and implementation of the ACT Safe Haven Café model. Co-design has been a key principle for the development and success of safe haven type models elsewhere.
- It was intended that Canberra Health Services would implement the Safe Haven Café to be located on the Canberra Hospital campus. Unfortunately, there is no feasible location at Canberra Hospital whilst the campus is going through significant construction work.
- The Belconnen Community Health Centre has been confirmed as the site for the pilot of the Safe Haven Café. The location needed to meet key criteria, such as proximity to public transport and shopping centres. This location has several advantages: its proximity to public transport; shops; the Walk-In Centre; and Calvary Public Hospital, making it a highly attractive site.
- Basing the Northside SHC in the Belconnen region also has the advantage of being central to the growing populations around the Belconnen and Gungahlin areas and relatively close proximity to the Inner North and City area.
- The minor works, including the removal of commercial infrastructure, to create a pleasant environment for the Safe Haven Café at the identified site began on Monday 20 September 2021 and were accepted as complete on 14 October 2021, one week ahead of schedule. .

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- ACT Health Directorate and Capital Health Network are working collaboratively on the Safe Haven Café and Commonwealth funded Adult Mental Health Centre and a joint commissioning approach is being undertaken for the Safe Haven Café.
- Contractual negotiations between Capital Health Network and the identified non-government organisation who will deliver the service have been completed.
- The Adult Mental Health Centres are also designed to provide a welcoming, low stigma soft entry point to engagement and assessment for people with conditions too complex for many current primary care services but who are not eligible for or awaiting care from state or territory public community mental health. The ACT Centre will complement mental health services already provided in the community and will work closely with the Safe Haven Café.
- The Safe Haven Café and Adult Mental Health Centre will assist adults seeking help in times of crisis, or as needs emerge, to have access to on-the spot care, service navigation and advice and support provided by a variety of health professionals – without needing a prior appointment.

### **Background Information**

- The 6 May 2020 Mental Health Support Package included \$341,843 to deliver a pilot Safe Haven Café for the Canberra community. In the 2020-2021 budget announcement of 9 February 2021 an additional \$80,000 was allocated for Safe Haven Café pilot as part of the extension of the COVID-19 Mental Health Support Package.
- The ACT Safe Haven Café model was the result of a significant co-design process. Guided by a consultant with experience of co-design and the development of similar spaces, two design teams were established, bringing a diverse range of stakeholders with lived and learnt experience of distress together to identify key elements of the design. This approach allowed for multiple perspectives and opened up discussions that informed the design elements important to creating environments that would change people's experience of seeking help when in distress.
- As part of the 2019-20 Budget, the Australian Government announced it will invest \$114.5 million over five years to undertake a trial of eight Adult Mental Health Centres, with one to be established in each state and territory. The Centres will be commissioned in all states and territories, except South Australia, through funding to the corresponding Primary Health Networks.

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**Portfolio:** Mental Health**Youth Navigation Portal****Talking points:**

- A key project from the Children and Young People Review was to develop and implement a Youth Navigation Portal for the ACT. The Youth Navigation Portal (the Portal) was also a recommendation of the ACT Youth Advisory Committee.
- The Portal will be an online triage navigation portal specifically focused for young people, parents and carers in the ACT, seeking mental health related support, services and information. The Portal will support the mental health of children and young people aged 0-25 years in the ACT.
- This portal will provide a consolidated and coordinated approach for young people seeking support and assistance online and will link up with existing services within the Canberra region.
- The Office for Mental Health and Wellbeing engaged the Australian National University and the Youth Coalition of the ACT to partner with, to scope and undertake the initial consultation with the community for the Portal.
- Following a procurement Request for Quote process, Marymead were selected as the community organisation to lead and manage the Portal.
- The Office for Mental Health and Wellbeing and Marymead are working closely to continue stakeholder engagement and consultation with children and young people, parents and carers and with service providers.
- In early July 2021 Capgemini were selected to build the IT component of the Portal from a separate Request for Quote procurement process. The design and build is now complete.
- The Portal was launched on 19 October 2021 and will have an iterative release to continue enhancing the portal with ongoing consultation with the community.

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**Portfolio:** Mental Health**COVID-19 and Mental Health****Talking points:**

- Fear, worry, and stress are normal responses to threats, and at times when we are faced with uncertainty or the unknown. Understandably, people are experiencing increased concerns about their mental health during the pandemic.
- In the ACT there has been an increase in people, particularly younger people, reporting mental health concerns as well as receiving mental health support. The increased need for mental health support is expected to remain beyond the pandemic.
- We acknowledge that the current lockdown and restrictions are having impacts across our community. In particular, we acknowledge the impact on the small business sector and parents and students with the closure of schools.
- In September 2021 we announced a \$14 million COVID-19 community and mental health support package to help Canberran's struggling during lockdown.
- \$3.6 million will supplement existing supports in the ACT Community as soon as possible. And a further 10.3 million will be provided as part of the 2021-22 ACT Budget to provide a more timely, supportive and accessible mental health system for young people and their families in the ACT.
- This combination of short and long-term funding will help the ACT's mental health services meet our community's increased need for support as a result of this lockdown and will improve community wellbeing.
- The funding will help people to better understand their mental health and wellbeing needs well beyond the lockdown, and have greater access to support when and where they need it.
- This builds on the \$260,000 funding we announced in August 2021 at the beginning of lockdown to extend a range of existing mental health supports.

- The ACT Government has continuously provided messaging to the ACT community on supporting and maintaining good mental health. These have been through the ACT Health COVID website and social media.
- We will continue to work with specific groups continues as required to ensure appropriate and targeted messages across the community.
- The Office meets regularly with peak mental health non-government organisations to identify the emerging and ongoing issues impacting consumers, carers and community service providers.
- The ACT Government is contributing to the implementation of the National Mental Health Pandemic Response Plan and other nationwide mental health reforms. The work in monitoring and responding to the mental health needs across the ACT community is ongoing.

**Key Information:**

- The ACT Health Directorate has worked with the Chief Psychiatrist on contingency planning for the functions and operations of the *Mental Health Act* in the COVID-19 environment, including developing a hierarchy of the Chief Psychiatrist delegations to ensure immediate continuity in the event that the Chief Psychiatrist is unable to fulfil their functions.
- A Deputy Chief Medical Officer for Mental Health has been appointed. The Chief Psychiatrists from all jurisdictions will have regular meetings with Deputy Chief Medical Officer, to provide advice, assistance and feedback.

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**Portfolio:** Mental Health**Calvary Mental Health Unit COVID Changes****Talking points:**

- The Older Persons Mental Health Unit located at Calvary Public Hospital Bruce has been identified as a suitable facility for the development of a respiratory ward for confirmed and suspected COVID-19 patients. The ward opened on 6 September 2021.
- This facility has been identified for suitability due to the separate air conditioning system located in the facility, which would limit potential transmission through the hospital, the proximity of the unit to the emergency department and the separate entrance to the main hospital building.
- Some mental health inpatients from the Older Persons Mental Health Unit and Acacia ward have been transferred to the newly refurbished Medical Mental Health Unit located within the Calvary Bruce Private Hospital building. For the duration of the time, the Older Persons Mental Health Unit is being used as a respiratory unit, the Medical Mental Health Unit will be available for a mix of patients transferred from both the Acacia and Older Persons Mental Health Unit.
- A dedicated space has been made available within the new respiratory ward for mental health patients who are also COVID-19 positive. Physicians on call responsible for COVID-19 patients will share care with the psychiatrists on call.
- The Medical Mental Health Unit at Calvary Bruce Private Hospital was recently licenced as a private psychiatric facility under the *Mental Health Act 2015*. As part of the licencing process, the facility was inspected to ensure that it was a suitable facility for the operation as a psychiatric facility. This included the assessment of ligature risks.
- On 24 August 2021, the Medical Mental Health Unit was approved as a mental health facility under the *Mental Health Act 2015*. This is a necessary legislative requirement for the treatment care and support for mental health consumers subject to involuntary orders under the *Mental Health Act*.
- On 31 August 2021, the ACT Chief Psychiatrist, Dr Dinesh Arya, inspected the Medical Mental Health Unit to review arrangements being put in place to ensure the Medical Mental Health Unit was a safe and appropriate facility for provision of acute mental health inpatient care. Dr Arya will continue to work closely with Canberra Health Services and Calvary Bruce Public and Private hospitals to ensure that any risks are quickly identified and remedied.
- Although the Medical Mental Health Unit is located at the Calvary Bruce Private hospital, this ward will remain a public mental health inpatient unit for all purposes.

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All staffing and care arrangements will be an extension of public mental health care provision. Existing insurance and indemnity insurance through the ACT Insurance Authority would apply.

- The Medical Mental Health Unit will not be receiving private patients during the period.

### **Key Information**

- The Medical Mental Health Unit is not an approved mental health facility for the following purposes:
  - a. Correctional patients under chapter 6 of the *Mental Health Act*;
  - b. Emergency detention under chapter 8 of the *Mental Health Act*; and
  - c. Assessment whether emergency detention required under section 309 of the *Crimes Act 1900*.
- The cohort of patients identified for transfer to the Medical Mental Health Unit would be those assessed as low acuity inpatients.
- The Medical Mental Health Unit was recently refurbished to ensure that it is an appropriate and safe facility for use as a mental health facility. This facility was licenced after a comprehensive ligature risk audit and licencing recommended after an inspection visit by the Chief Psychiatrist.

### **Background Information**

- The Medical Mental Health Unit has 12 bedrooms with adjoining ensuites, with planned capacity as a 10-room inpatient unit.
- On 10 September 2021 a consumer subject to an involuntary mental health order required urgent medical treatment at the facility. A medical emergency treatment (MET) call was made and the consumer received prompt and appropriate treatment.
- The ACT Chief Psychiatrist was notified of the incident.
- The treatment leading up to the MET call highlighted a number of issues with general medical/surgical investigations and treatment on the unit, which have since been addressed. The issues included the availability of PPE and the processes for obtaining blood tests and imaging.
- The incident further highlighted the requirement for other specialties' medical officers needing temporary privileges letters in the same way as mental health JMOs, registrars and specialists did. This has been addressed.

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**Portfolio:** Mental Health**COVID-19 Mental Health Support Packages from August 2021 and September 2021****Talking points:**

- The ACT Government is committed to continuing its investment to support the mental health and wellbeing of Canberrans during and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Therefore, the ACT Government is boosting funding for mental health, alcohol and other drug services and primary health care across the city, to support the wellbeing needs of Canberrans during and after lockdown.
- The ACT Government announced mental health and community health care support packages in August and September 2021, equating to \$3.86 million in additional support for the ACT non-government community sector.
- These packages consider the increased need of individuals and communities in the ACT whose mental health has been most impacted by the pandemic and lockdown and makes targeted investments.

**Young people**

- The mental health and wellbeing of children and young Canberrans and their parents is a major focus. This funding includes support for:
  - \$130,000 to Catholic Care and Marymead to support the ongoing provision of mental health services for young people;
  - \$40,000 to Menslink to provide counselling and mentoring service for young boys and men;
  - \$70,000 to Mental Illness Education ACT to provide increased supports schools and young people and adults;
  - \$80,000 to the Perinatal Wellbeing Centre to extend support to families who are expecting or are caring for a newborn;
  - \$10,000 to Parentline ACT for parent and carer support; and
  - \$5000 to Eating Disorders Families Australia (ACT).

**Communities with additional support needs**

- Through this funding, the ACT Government is also addressing the needs of communities that face particular challenges.

- \$160,000 for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander services through Gugan Gulwan, Yeddung Mura and Winnunga Nimitjyah Aboriginal Health and Community Services;
- \$60,000 to Meridian and A Gender Agenda to support the mental health and wellbeing of our LGBTIQ+ community;
- \$80,000 to Multicultural Hub Canberra and Companion House to support culturally and linguistically diverse communities across Canberra; and
- \$40,000 to Carers ACT and \$60,000 to ACT Disability, Aged and Carer Advocacy Service and Advocacy For Inclusion for further support for people with disability and their families.

*Support for people experiencing mental health crisis or illness*

- The pandemic and lockdown has increased mental health concerns across our community. Supports to address this increased need include:
  - \$1,065,000 to the Police, Ambulance and Clinician Emergency Response (PACER) program;
  - \$195,000 for Canberra Health Service's Eating Disorders Clinical Hub;
  - \$120,000 for Justice Health Services at the Alexander Maconochie Centre for people experiencing disorders such as anxiety and depression.
  - \$70,000 to Lifeline ACT for crisis support; and
  - \$60,000 to Woden Community Services to support the Way Back and Transition to Recovery (TRec) programs.

*Support for workplaces and workers*

- Businesses and workers have also experienced increased mental health issues and funding has been provided to address this area of need.
  - \$30,000 to Canberra Business Enterprise Centre for Mental Health First Aid delivered to local ACT businesses;
  - \$40,000 to CARE Financial Counselling to provide supports for people struggling financially due to loss of work; and
  - \$50,000 to OzHelp for additional support for workplaces, including workers that have lost or had reduced employment.
- These investments demonstrate the ACT Government's commitment to support the mental health and wellbeing of Canberrans through the ongoing impacts of the pandemic.

**Background:**

- ACT Health has distributed Deeds of Grant for negotiation to each of the organisations that are receiving funding under these support packages. After working with these organisations, the majority of these Deed of Grants have now been executed.
- These investments build on the various community packages that the ACT Government has made to support the ACT community since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- These include the \$4.5 million announced as part of the COVID-19 Mental Health Support Package in May 2020 to support a range of community services and to support the development of new innovative mental health services in the ACT to meet community need.
- This investment was further supported in the 2020-21 ACT Budget, which committed a \$15.8 million to extend a range of mental health programs and services that were funded in the May 2020 Support Package. This included \$14.1 million to continue the seven-day-a-week operation of PACER.
- While the recent lockdown support packages have been targeted at supporting the short term demand and needs of the ACT community during lockdown, the ACT Government continues to invest strongly in developing long-term capacity and availability of mental health services in the ACT.
- This is evident in the mental health funding that was committed to in the 2021-22 ACT Government Budget.