

Western NSW - Mental Health Supports for Bushfire

2019/20 - 2021/22

Activity Summary View



[BF - 1 - BF1. Expand mental health services in bush-fire affected parts of the PHN to meet local need]



Activity Metadata

Applicable Schedule *

Mental Health Supports for Bushfire

Activity Prefix *

BF

Activity Number *

1

Activity Title *

BF1. Expand mental health services in bush-fire affected parts of the PHN to meet local need

Existing, Modified or New Activity *

New Activity



Activity Priorities and Description

Program Key Priority Area *

Other (please provide details)

Other Program Key Priority Area Description

Bushfire

Aim of Activity *

Promote and prioritise access by bushfire affected communities to the existing range of low and medium intensity mental health support services provided in the region

Description of Activity *

Western NSW PHN has only been directly impacted by bushfires in a comparatively small number of communities in the eastern/Blue Mountains part of our catchment.

The PHN will engage the provider currently contracted to deliver low intensity coaching (New Access) and Psychological therapies for hard to reach groups under the Primary Mental Health & Suicide Prevention Funding schedule and negotiate for them to provide staff to:

- a) Conduct an immediate and then quarterly visits to the three most affected communities (Rylstone, Running Stream and Jenolan/Oberon) to engage community members and other stakeholders (eg service providers) to promote the availability of prioritised access to their face-to-face and telephone support services
- b) Introduce intake procedures and processes to ensure that bushfire affected individuals do not go on to wait-lists and are prioritised for allocation to a coach/counsellor.

Needs Assessment Priorities *

WNSW PHN Needs Assessment 2019/20-2021/22

Priorities

Needs Assessment Priority	Page Reference
Access to mental health professionals and services	93
Mental Health services that are culturally safe, locally available and affordable	120
Mental Health workforce	104
Stepped Care Model	101



Activity Demographics

Target Population Cohort *

Individuals from bushfire affected locations.

In Scope AOD Treatment Type *

Indigenous Specific *

No

Indigenous Specific Comments *

Coverage *

Whole Region

No

SA3 Name	SA3 Code
Bathurst	10301
Lithgow - Mudgee	10303



Activity Consultation and Collaboration

Consultation *

Stakeholders and consumers will be engaged in immediate and quarterly visits to affected communities.

Collaboration *

This is provided by the existing NEW Access and Psychological Therapies service provider and involves collaboration with local community stakeholders.

**Activity Milestone Details/Duration****Activity Start Date ***

17 Feb 2020

Activity End Date *

29 Jun 2022

Service Delivery Start Date

March 2019

Service Delivery End Date

June 2022

Other Relevant Milestones**Activity Commissioning**

Please identify your intended procurement approach for commissioning services under this activity: *

Not yet known: No

Continuing service provider / contract extension: No

Direct engagement. Please provide justification for direct engagement, and if applicable, the length of time the commissioned provider has provided this service, and their performance to date: Yes

Planned expenditure is to be made through local service provider Marathon Health. This is a new service that is essential to get out to the community as soon as possible.

Open tender : No

Expression of interest (EOI): No

Other approach (please provide details) : No

Is this activity being co-designed? *

No

Is this activity the result of a previous co-design process? *

No

Do you plan to implement this activity using co-commissioning or joint-commissioning arrangements? *

No

Has this activity previously been co-commissioned or joint-commissioned? *

No

Decommissioning *

No

Decommissioning Details? *

No

Co-design or Co-commissioning details *

NA