

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Credentialed mental health nurses for Western and Far West NSW

20/09/2023

The Western NSW Primary Health Network (WNSW PHN) is seeking suitably experienced credentialed mental health nurses throughout the Central West and Far West region.

Western NSW PHN is inviting you to attend an informal discussion to collaborate, share information and ideas around the Mental Health Nurse Incentive programme including service delivery and service provisions.

The round table will brainstorm;

- The PHN role and responsibilities
- How best to provide support within the MHNIP model to people who suffer with severe and enduring mental illness.
- How to provide care to people who live in rural and remote areas, especially in those “harder to reach” areas.
- Referral Pathways and utilisation of the Head to Health service
- Key Performance Indicators
- Data collection and requirements

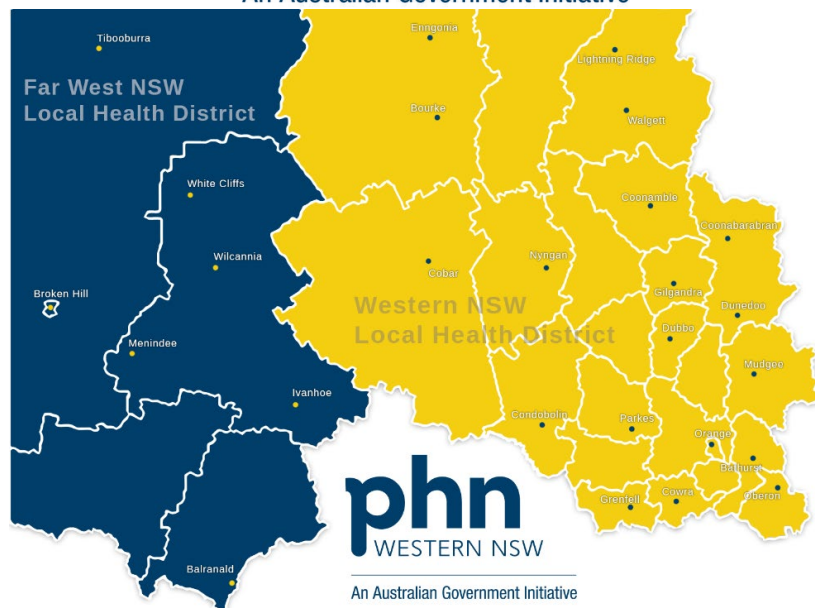
If you are interested in attending, please complete the below form, after familiarising yourself with the below eligibility criteria and information.

A requirement to being successful in a role, is that you will be able to provide support and care in / around the following locations outlined in our district Map, including the harder to reach areas.

More information on our region can be found through the following link

<https://www.wnswphn.org.au/about-us/our-region>





Service Requirements

The Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program (MHNIP), aim is to support people who have a severe and enduring mental health condition.

This service will recruit credentialed mental health nurses as sole traders, throughout the Central West region, utilising a mixed clinical service delivery model, consisting of face to face and / or telehealth mental health support.

The main aim of this service is to provide clinical, psycho-interventions while increasing access to appropriate interventions and other relevant mental health, alcohol and other drug services, reducing unnecessary hospital admissions and promoting trauma informed practises and recovery principles in a safe and meaningful way. .

The Mental Health Nurse Incentive program supports individuals who are at the higher level of stepped care model (Levels 3 – 5).

Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program (MHNIP) will provide

- Safe and appropriate clinical care and case management
- Periodic reviews of patients' mental health support needs
- Support with medication and provide education, and monitoring where required
- Providing information and support to access integrated services from general practitioners, psychiatrists, and allied health workers to address physical, social and emotional as well as their mental health needs.
- Support in accessing community services.
- Support to test for the NDIS where appropriate



Eligibility for MHNIP

A consumer is eligible for MHNIP if they have the following:

- A completed IAR assessment and fall within stepped care 3-5
- diagnosed with a mental disorder according to the criteria defined in the World Health Organisation Diagnostic and Management Guidelines for Mental Health Disorders in Primary Care: ICD 10 Chapter V Primary Care Version; or Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Health Disorders - Fifth Edition (DSM-5).
- The disorder significantly impacts their social, personal or work life.
- The person has been or is at immediate risk of hospitalisation due to their disorder.

To be eligible to provide MHNIP services you must possess the following:

- Must be a Registered Nurse with at least 5 years' experience,, working in an acute setting and / or community role with case management experience.
- Be a credentialed mental health nurse through the Australian College of Mental Health
- Have a valid ABN
- Must have professional and personal indemnity insurance of at least \$10 million dollars
- Must undergo relevant criminal record check and working with children checks.
- Have a clinical governance framework and understanding of Cultural safety (including working within the WHAL frameworks)
- Must be willing to travel to rural and remote locations.

If you meet the above criteria and are interested in finding out more join us at our discussion.

How to register interest

Applicants must complete the Expression of Interest [form on our website](#) to register their interest to discuss this model and find out more information on how to apply.

Applications close 27 Oct 2023

If you have any questions, please email choley.macnaughton@wnswphn.org.au

A meeting will take place, within 2 weeks of the application closing date.

Kind regards

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