

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Child Psychologist, and 2 Psychologists or Social Workers for Western NSW

15/03/2023

The Western NSW Primary Health Network (WNSW PHN) is seeking suitable qualified and experienced Psychologists to provide treatment in the following locations:

- Parkes / Forbes
- Eugowra
- Canowindra

The Western Health Alliance Ltd (WHAL) trades as Western New South Wales Primary Health Network (WNSW PHN). WNSW PHN covers a region of more than 430,000 km² or around 53% of the state. The total population is estimated to be nearly 310,000 and approximately 11% identify as Aboriginal. The main centers of population and health services are Dubbo, Orange, Bathurst, and Broken Hill. These are separated by vast distances, and each serves numerous smaller communities that are themselves widely dispersed.

WNSW PHN's vision is to "care for our region" and to boost access to psychological support to help anyone whose mental health has been impacted by known disasters.

We have identified the following strategic priorities:

- Sustainability of primary care in small towns
- Strategic engagement with key stakeholders
- Disaster preparedness and response
- A regional approach to mental health and suicide prevention

Service Requirement

Our programme will be designed to address service gaps in particular geographical areas and population groups and is designed to complement already existing services.

Importantly, we will be attempting to select service providers who have the necessary qualifications and experience to provide the required services.

We are looking for a Child Psychologist, Psychologists and/or Social Workers to provide regular sessions to the following groups in need:



1) Children effected by disasters

The aim is to provide psychological support to the children in disaster-affected areas.

2) Indigenous-specific people

WNSW PHN is wanting to address trauma experienced by Indigenous peoples and their communities.

3) People effected by disaster and other mental health indicators

It has been highlighted that people are managing complexity concerning their mental health and wellbeing.

Program Services

The supplier will deliver support in western NSW to boost access to psychological support and to help anyone whose mental health has been impacted by known disasters such as COVID-19 and the floods.

The area covered will be Eugowra and extend to Forbes, Parkes and Canowindra. This initiative will be funded by the WNSW PHN. This position will also support and engage with primary health care partners.

Referral Pathways:

- A referral must be made by a GP for services to be provided.
- This service will support those who cannot afford the cost of such treatment.
- 6 fee-free treatments and all in line with Medicare.

The service will aim to:

- Increase service delivery capacity to trauma affected areas in the region.
- The service will address the current need for children who have been affected by trauma from disaster in their area.
- The service will support parents and adults who have been affected by trauma from disaster in their area.
- Provide services to uplift the stretched workforce and support their current demand to provide mental health and trauma informed approaches.

The service will contribute to achievement of the following objectives:

- Respond to current demand for treatment.
- Drive a strategy to provide support to regional and rural areas affected by disaster.



Program Period

Program Commencement Date: 01/05/2023

Program End Date: 30/06/2024

Program requirements:

- 1 Child Psychologist
- 2 Psychologists or Social Workers
- 1 Full day for Child Psychologist and 2 full days for 2 Psychologists or Social Workers, can be half days if required.
- Travel Cost Reimbursement paid.
- Accommodation paid.

To be eligible you must possess the following:

- Must have valid and up to date relevant degree, masters or equivalent.
- Professional membership of Australian:
 - For Psychologist -Nationally registered through the Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency (AHPRA) via the Psychology Board of Australia.
 - For Social Workers- Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW)
- Must have professional indemnity insurance.
- Must undergo relevant criminal record check and working with children checks.
- Must be willing to travel to rural and remote locations.
- Find and supply own venues within western NSW through support with the Western NSW Local Health District for sessions.

Applicants must complete the Application within Tenderlink to address the full criteria.

Submitting an expression of interest letter **does not** mean that you are automatically selected as a contractor for WNSW PHN. All candidates will need to undergo a selection process before they are appointed.

The next step in this process is to complete the Expression of Interest below and provide a certified copy of your registration certificate and professional indemnity insurance.

How to apply

To submit an EOI, [click here](#) to register on our Tenderlink. The EOI will be uploaded on Friday 17 March 2023. Applications close Friday 31 March 2023 at 5pm and only application made on Tenderlink will be considered.

No emails.

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