Australian Capital Territory - Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services 2025/26 - 2027/28
Activity Summary View

AOD-CWSS - 1 - Community Withdrawal Support Service

Activity Metadata

Applicable Schedule *

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

Activity Prefix *

AOD-CWSS

Activity Number *

1

Activity Title *

Community Withdrawal Support Service

Existing, Modified or New Activity *

New Activity

Activity Priorities and Description

Program Key Priority Area *

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Other Program Key Priority Area Description

Aim of Activity *

To provide specialist Alcohol and other drug (AOD) treatment services with the aim of;
-Helping reduce pressure on community and hospital services
-Promoting stable and viable locate health services, and
- Improving peoples access to essential health services, which in turn will improve health outcomes and prevent disease
CHN allocated funding for a service evaluation in 2025.

Description of Activity *

The primary obejctives of this program are to provide a withdrawal support service that
-helps reduce the pressure on community and health services

-Supports long term reform by improving peoples access to essential health services
-Addresses the increased demand for access to drug and alcohol treatment services
-Facilitates evidence based treatment for clients using a range of substances, and based on their needs locally.
The commissioned service does this through delivering a non-residential drug withdrawal service supporting ACT residents with low to moderate withdrawal symptoms, utilising AHPRA registered nurses with AOD experience, and in collaboration with GPs and pharmacists. This service provides;
- Comprehensive Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug (ATOD) assessments
-Support to individuals to cease or reduce substance abuse
-Step up/Step down response for clients requiring withdrawal/stabilisation
-An integrated and coordinated care pathway linking clients with aftercare AOD services, community and wellbeing services

Needs Assessment Priorities *

Needs Assessment

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Activity Demographics

Target Population Cohort

In Scope AOD Treatment Type *

Indigenous Specific *

No

Indigenous Specific Comments

Coverage

Whole Region

Yes



Activity Milestone Details/Duration

Activity Start Date

14/09/2025

Activity End Date

29/06/2026

Service Delivery Start Date

Service Delivery End Date

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: No
Open Tender: No
Expression Of Interest (EOI): No
Other Approach (please provide details): No

Is this activity being co-designed?

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

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

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

Decommissioning

Decommissioning details?

Co-design or co-commissioning comments



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AOD - 1 - Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services – NIAS Operational and Mainstream Funding

Activity Metadata

Applicable Schedule *

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

Activity Prefix *

AOD

Activity Number *

1

Activity Title *

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services – NIAS Operational and Mainstream Funding

Existing, Modified or New Activity *

Modified

Activity Priorities and Description

Program Key Priority Area *

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Other Program Key Priority Area Description

Aim of Activity *

To commission specialist AOD counselling and case management services, provided by registered clinicians with AOD experience.

Description of Activity *

Specialist AOD Counselling and Case Management
To deliver this activity, ACTPHN has commissioned a range of service providers to deliver services across the ACT PHN region including the triage and comprehensive alcohol, tobacco, and other drug assessments and:
• Mental health screening
• Brief intervention
• Suicide risk assessment
• Screening for family violence
• Individual treatment plans
• Routine use of validate screening measures
• Evidence based psychological interventions
• Provide specialist AOD counselling for adult with several AOD use who are involved with the ACT justice system.
• Assist Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander clients to gain access to culturaly sensitive AOD services and assist with casework, referral and advocacy to enable clients to engage with broader communty services.
CHN has also established partnerships with key stakeholders to facilitate ongoing sharing of information and identification of

needs and gaps

Needs Assessment Priorities *

Needs Assessment

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Activity Demographics

Target Population Cohort

In Scope AOD Treatment Type *

Indigenous Specific *

No

Indigenous Specific Comments

Coverage

Whole Region

Yes



Activity Milestone Details/Duration

Activity Start Date

30/06/2016

Activity End Date

29/06/2026

Service Delivery Start Date

Service Delivery End Date

Other Relevant Milestones

6 monthly performance and financial reporting

Activity Commissioning

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Continuing Service Provider / Contract Extension: No
Direct Engagement: No
Open Tender: No
Expression Of Interest (EOI): No
Other Approach (please provide details): No

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No

Decommissioning

No

Decommissioning details?

Co-design or co-commissioning comments

Is this activity in scope for data collection under the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services?

Yes

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Subject	Description	Commented By	Date Created

AOD - 2 - Specialist drug and alcohol treatment services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

Activity Metadata

Applicable Schedule *

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

Activity Prefix *

AOD

Activity Number *

2

Activity Title *

Specialist drug and alcohol treatment services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

Existing, Modified or New Activity *

Modified

Activity Priorities and Description

Program Key Priority Area *

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Other Program Key Priority Area Description

Aim of Activity *

To ensure culturally appropriate AOD service provision for local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Description of Activity *

ACT PHN funds a mainstream drug and alcohol service, with extensive experience in delivering culturally appropriate care to Indigenous clients. This service have a focus on the provision of culturally appropriate case management for people waiting for residential rehabilitation services and people exiting residential services that require ongoing case management support. The service increases access to appropriate specialist counselling services and other interventions that may be required.

Needs Assessment Priorities *

Needs Assessment

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Activity Demographics

Target Population Cohort

In Scope AOD Treatment Type *

Specialist AOD counselling and case management

Indigenous Specific *

Yes

Indigenous Specific Comments

Coverage

Whole Region

Yes

Activity Milestone Details/Duration

Activity Start Date

30/06/2019

Activity End Date

29/06/2026

Service Delivery Start Date

Service Delivery End Date

Other Relevant Milestones

6 monthly performance and financial reporting

Activity Commissioning

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

Not Yet Known: No
Continuing Service Provider / Contract Extension: Yes
Direct Engagement: No
Open Tender: No
Expression Of Interest (EOI): No
Other Approach (please provide details): No

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Decommissioning

Decommissioning details?

Co-design or co-commissioning comments

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Yes



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AOD - 3 - Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services Maintenance (DATSM)

Activity Metadata

Applicable Schedule *

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

Activity Prefix *

AOD

Activity Number *

3

Activity Title *

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services Maintenance (DATSM)

Existing, Modified or New Activity *

Existing

Activity Priorities and Description

Program Key Priority Area *

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Other Program Key Priority Area Description

Aim of Activity *

To support AOD treatment services to deliver evidence-based and best practice treatment modalities for drug and alcohol misuse.
To ensure equitable access to community-based AOD services
To support the provision of AOD Harm reduction initiatives that incorporate peer-based support

Description of Activity *

ACT PHN has commissioned a range of community-based providers to deliver targeted services including
• Specialist evidence-based alcohol and other drug case management services via assertive outreach
• Enhanced alcohol and other drug treatment day program that supports clients to develop skills and strategies to abstain from substance use
• Peer treatment support service
• Primary and secondary health care services to people whose health is impacted by alcohol and other drug use
• Treatment that reduces drug related harm and improve social functioning for women affected by drug and alcohol use

Needs Assessment Priorities *

Needs Assessment

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Activity Demographics

Target Population Cohort

In Scope AOD Treatment Type *

Indigenous Specific *

No

Indigenous Specific Comments

Coverage

Whole Region

Yes

Activity Milestone Details/Duration

Activity Start Date

30/03/2022

Activity End Date

29/06/2026

Service Delivery Start Date

Service Delivery End Date

Other Relevant Milestones

Activity Commissioning

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Not Yet Known: No
Continuing Service Provider / Contract Extension: No
Direct Engagement: No
Open Tender: No
Expression Of Interest (EOI): No
Other Approach (please provide details): No

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Decommissioning

Decommissioning details?

Co-design or co-commissioning comments

Is this activity in scope for data collection under the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services?

No



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Subject	Description	Commented By	Date Created

AOD - 3 - Targeted community-based AOD Services

Activity Metadata

Applicable Schedule *

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

Activity Prefix *

AOD

Activity Number *

3

Activity Title *

Targeted community-based AOD Services

Existing, Modified or New Activity *

Modified

Activity Priorities and Description

Program Key Priority Area *

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Other Program Key Priority Area Description

Aim of Activity *

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Needs Assessment Priorities *

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Activity Demographics

Target Population Cohort

In Scope AOD Treatment Type *

Indigenous Specific *

No

Indigenous Specific Comments

Coverage

Whole Region

Yes



Activity Milestone Details/Duration

Activity Start Date

30/06/2016

Activity End Date

29/06/2026

Service Delivery Start Date

Service Delivery End Date

Other Relevant Milestones

6 monthly performance and financial reporting.
OMT prescriber event run collaboratively with ACT AOD sector and peak body held in March 2026.

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Open Tender: No
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Decommissioning

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AOD-Op - 1 - Operational funding

Activity Metadata

Applicable Schedule *

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

Activity Prefix *

AOD-Op

Activity Number *

1

Activity Title *

Operational funding

Existing, Modified or New Activity *

Existing

Activity Priorities and Description

Program Key Priority Area *

Other Program Key Priority Area Description

Aim of Activity *

Description of Activity *

Needs Assessment Priorities *

Needs Assessment

Priorities

Activity Demographics

Target Population Cohort

In Scope AOD Treatment Type *

Indigenous Specific *

Indigenous Specific Comments

Coverage

Whole Region

Activity Milestone Details/Duration

Activity Start Date

Activity End Date

Service Delivery Start Date

Service Delivery End Date

Other Relevant Milestones

Activity Commissioning

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