

2023-2024 Statement of Priorities Overview

Purpose

The Collaborative Centre's Statement of Priorities is a key accountability agreement between the Collaborative Centre's board and the Minister for Mental Health

The content and process for preparation and agreement of the annual Statement of Priorities is consistent with section 666 of the Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022 (the Act). The Collaborative Centre Board and staff uphold the mental health and wellbeing principles in the Act and embed human rights and social justice into everything that we do.

We have five performance priorities in 2023-24:



Partnerships
and Service
Improvement



Embedding
Lived Experience



Translational
Research



Workforce
Education and
Development



Continuing
Operational
Establishment

2023-2024 Priorities:

Partnerships and Service Improvement:

- Implementing the Adult and Older Adult Best Practice **Consortium**.
- Working with health service partner to plan for **delivering treatment, care and/or support** at a co-located site
- Planning for how the Collaborative Centre will fulfil its legislated function to 'provide, promote and coordinate mental health and wellbeing services'
- **Developing existing partnerships**, including with the Victorian Mental Illness Awareness Council (VMIAC), Tandem, the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO), the Victorian Multicultural Commission
- **Setting up new partnerships and relationships**, including with organisations involved in the delivery of mental health research and services, Commonwealth and national bodies, and others to be determined.
- Formalising a relationship with the **Statewide Trauma Service**.

Embedding Lived Experience:

- Launching and implementing the Collaborative Centre's **Lived Experience Framework**.
- In line with the framework, **embedding** Lived Experience engagement and leadership effectively across the Collaborative Centre's functions.
- In line with the framework, **developing internal culture, processes and structures** that demonstrate exemplary recruitment, employment, retention and recognition of lived experience staff (consumer and carer perspectives).

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Translational Research:

- Launching the Collaborative Centre's first **research strategy**, in line with reform priorities identified by the Royal Commission.
- Developing an **action plan** outlining how the Collaborative Centre will implement the research strategy.
- **Evaluating and monitoring** the Collaborative Centre.
- Implementing **translational research initiatives** that will improve mental health treatment, care and support in line with the research strategy.
- Designing the Centre's ongoing '**sharing what works' operating model**, including:
 - designing and connecting a network of academic service leaders in line with the Royal Commission's vision
 - creating a model for how translation and dissemination activities will interrelate to deliver real impact.
- Setting up the **clearing house function** including:
 - designing parameters and requirements
 - starting a research scan
 - sharing outputs from research.

Workforce Education and Development:

- Delivering events, forums or webinars as part of a **sector learning and engagement** program in line with the research strategy that reaches service providers, people with lived and living experiences and academics.
- Determining the Collaborative Centre's future **education and development operating model**, including scope, intended outcomes, activities, resourcing and planning for implementation.

Continuing Operational Establishment:

- Launching the Collaborative Centre's first three-year **strategic plan**, in accordance with the requirements of section 667 of the Act.
- Appointing **Co-CEOs** in accordance with section 659 of the Act.
- **Selecting and fitting out** an interim site accessible to service users and close to health and academic partners, as well as early planning for a long-term site.
- Establishing digital **platforms for accessible communications and meaningful engagement**, including a website, social media channels and e-news bulletin, and stakeholder management system.
- **Reporting** to the Minister for Mental Health and Department of Health as required, and in accordance with sections 669 and 670 of the Act.