

## **Western Sydney Partners in Recovery (WSPIR) Information Sheet**

If you are not familiar or unsure of whether an individual is eligible to access WSPIR, please take the time to read through this short summary of WSPIR and the inclusion criteria.

### **What is Partners in Recovery?**

Western Sydney Partners in Recovery (WSPIR) is a service for people living with mental illness who also have a number of life challenges. WSPIR gives people choice and hope to help them achieve a positive and fulfilling life. WSPIR is a new way of helping people, by bringing together a range of local services to provide simpler and easier pathways that will assist each individual.

Funded by the Australian Federal Government, WSPIR is a partnership between Aftercare, Care Connect, Mission Australia, Richmond PRA, Uniting Care Mental Health, Wentwest and WISE Employment to provide the WSPIR program and deliver better outcomes for people with mental illness living in western Sydney.

WSPIR does not provide crisis support, after hour services, clinical services, case management, and duplicate or compete with other services. By contrast, WSPIR work closely with the individual, their carers and families in order to achieve their own recovery goal.

### **Who Can Access Partners in Recovery?**

People with severe and persistent psychological distress can often become disconnected from social or family support networks. They are likely to experience difficulties maintaining stable accommodation and in completing the basic activities of daily living. Thought disorder, depression and anxiety can make accessing the health and community services they require challenging. WSPIR can be accessed by anyone with severe mental ill-health that impacts their life significantly, has complex needs, and require substantial support.

### **If your client matches the criteria below, they may be eligible to access PIR services:**

- Diagnosed or suspected mental illness that is persistent in duration, and severely affects their range of functioning abilities;
- Complex needs that require a range of services and supports from multiple agencies;
- Requires substantial support to engage with the various services;
- There is no existing coordination arrangements in place, or arrangements have failed, and it is felt that their needs may be addressed by WSPIR; and
- The person or their legal guardian consents to participate in the PIR initiative.

*You are welcome to call and discuss referrals using the contact details below*

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