

## Notification of upcoming Tender Process for Western Sydney Early Psychosis Youth Services (EPYS) program

### Registration of Interest

#### **Introduction**

This notification has been issued to inform the market that Western Sydney Primary Health Network (WSPHN) will soon be commencing the procurement process for the Early Psychosis Youth Services (EPYS) program

**Invitation to Respond -This is not a tender but is an invitation for market response to information published on, or accessible through, this website, pertaining to this upcoming tender. Examples would include Environmental impact statement (EIS), discussion papers, requests for information, registrations for position appointments, etc.**

#### **Background**

In 2013 the Early Psychosis Youth Services (EPYS) program was designed as an innovative model of treatment and care for young people aged 12-25 years experiencing a first episode of psychosis or who were at ultra-high risk of experiencing psychosis. EPYS program is based on the Early Psychosis Prevention and Intervention Centre (EPPIC) model, developed by Orygen (The National Centre of Excellence in Youth Mental Health). (EPYS) operationalises the EPPIC model within selected headspace centres across Australia to deliver specialist assessment, treatment, and care to young people at risk of, or who have experienced, a first episode of psychosis.

EPYS program launched in Western Sydney in early 2016 and is co-located within the headspace Mt Druitt (hub) and Parramatta (spoke) Centres.

#### **Aim**

Aim of EPYS program is to implement an intensive intervention for young people experiencing psychosis to reduce the severity, progression, and the risk of transition to full threshold psychosis, as well as minimising the impact of the young person's mental health on their lifestyle, education, and families/carers.

Functions of all Early Psychosis Youth Services (EPYS) centres will include but are not limited to:

- Provide an intake, triage, assessment, and navigation point for new and recurring referrals
- Deliver early intervention strategies along with holistic care for young people at risk of developing or showing early signs of mental health, physical health and drug and alcohol problems
- Provide concurrent, integrated and evidence based individualised treatment along with recognition and effective intervention of co-occurring conditions
- Deliver accessible and comprehensive assessment along with multidisciplinary intervention through engagement with relevant youth services within the existing headspace centres and external providers for continuity of care in a planned and coordinated manner

- Strong engagement with Western Sydney Local Health District (WSLHD) to manage demand, support access, and seamlessly transition clients between acute mental health services and EPYS
- Recognise needs of local priority communities such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, young people experiencing homelessness, culturally and linguistically diverse populations, young people who identify as LGBTQI+, and those at risk of suicide
- Establishing youth friendly, culturally sensitive, and family inclusive practice
- Demonstrate continuous improvement, monitor and evaluate activities, and a commitment to participate in education and training, quality improvement, evaluation, and research activities

### **Next Step**

Register your interest to enable your participation in a consultation phase.

WSPHN intends to commence consultation (one-on-one discussions or group workshops) with registered providers in July 2022 before commencing the tender process.

A tendering process for the Western Sydney Early Psychosis Youth Services (EPYS) program will be undertaken in early September 2022 after a period of consultation with the market.

### **Proposed Timetable**

ROI Open	6 June 2022
ROI Close	30 June 2022
Interactive Meetings	4 July to 15 August 2022
RFT Open	5 September 2022
RFT Close	30 September 2022
Evaluation Period	30 September to 25 November 2022
Contract Negotiation	25 November to 16 December 2022
Contract Start Date	1 March 2023
Service Start Date	1 July 2023

### **Registering your Interest**

WSPHN is inviting service providers who are interested in participating in this tender process to register their interest by providing their relevant contact details to the following email address [Commissioning@wentwest.com.au](mailto:Commissioning@wentwest.com.au) by Thursday 30 June 2022.

Further information on registering your interest will be available on Tenderlink, the Australian Tenders and WentWest website.

### **More information**

If you have any questions, please contact the Commissioning team at [Commissioning@wentwest.com.au](mailto:Commissioning@wentwest.com.au)