

## AOD prison transition service wins NADA award

In a bid to close a critical gap in supporting clients with ongoing alcohol and other drugs (AOD) issues transition and gain support in the community once released from criminal justice system settings, Western Sydney Primary Health Network (WSPHN), commissioned a pilot Transitional AOD service in western Sydney. Specifically for men on remand or short sentences, and run by the Community Restorative Centre (CRC), this Transitional AOD service provides in-reach and outreach AOD counselling and intensive case management.

Over the last 12 months, the service provided drug and alcohol support to people exiting the Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre (MRRC) at Silverwater who have complex needs, including mental illness and/or cognitive impairment. The service provided a unique link between NSW Corrective Services and health services such as GPs, with people post-release, allowing warm referrals where possible.

This western Sydney project is part of a wider Transitional AOD program that won the Excellence in Treatment Award at the NADA (Network of Alcohol and other Drugs Agencies) Conference 2018, earlier this month. This wider service is also funded by Central and Eastern Sydney Primary Health Network and NSW Health and is provided to people leaving prison after longer sentences. Paul Hardy, Manager AOD Transition and his team have noticed the difficulties their clients face when attempting to reach out for support to stop their substance use, and their compassionate approach has allowed clients to flourish back in the community. Congratulations to CRC!

Due to the success of the western Sydney service, WSPHN are funding CRC to continue offering this service for another 12 months. To find out more about the Transitional AOD Project, visit the CRC website.

Localised AOD HealthPathways are available for health professionals to support patient care and can be accessed using the below login details:

Username: health Password: w3stern



Paul Hardy, Dave Chivers, Justin Field and Xenia Hagidemetriou from CRC with Daniel Maddedu from NSW Health at the NADA  
Conference 2018

## Events

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### Electronic discharge summaries - webinar

Thursday 28th June 2018

7:00pm - 8:00pm

### Practice nurse education: Adult asthma action plans

Monday 2nd July 2018

6:30pm - 9:00pm

### A deep dive into diabetes

Saturday 7th July 2018

8:30am - 4:30pm

### Early detection: pre-diabetes and diabetes...then what?

Tuesday 10th July 2018

5:30pm - 8:00pm

## Other News

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### Uploading of reports by pathology laboratories

Pathology reports can be uploaded to My Health Record at participating pathology services.

It's important to note that if you, as the requester, or the patient does not want the report uploaded to their My Health Record, that you note this on the pathology request form by:

checking the Do Not Send reports to My Health Record check box in your practice management software, or  
 checking the Do Not Send reports to My Health Record check box on the paper referral form, or  writing Do Not Send reports to My Health Record on the request form. Changes are being made to many of the clinical information systems used to record pathology requests to support this instruction. Medical practices will need to upgrade their software for these changes to occur. Please note: A pathology service will not upload a report to the My Health Record where existing state or territory legislation prohibits the disclosure of sensitive information (e.g. AIDS or HIV status) without the expressed consent of the individual.

### NSW immunisation schedule

From Sunday 1 July there will be changes to the immunisation schedule for children. These include:

Pneumococcal,  Meningococcal and  Haemophilus influenzae type b. The new vaccines will be available to order via the online system from next week. For more information visit the NSW Government website.

## DVA Provider News

The Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) is seeking your support to promote subscription to DVA Provider News. The e-newsletter is published every four months and provides useful updates about DVA's health arrangements for veteran patients. Articles are targeted at medical, dental and allied health providers to support their treatment of DVA clients, including Gold and White Card holders, ex-military personnel, their dependents and families.

The latest edition of the e-newsletter is available on the DVA website.

## GP Association meetings

The following GP association meetings are coming up in western Sydney:

Mount Druitt: Imaging in knee pathology, Friday 29th June.

Hills: Overcoming the obesity epidemic in Australia, Wednesday 4th July.

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