

# Key recommendations

## MHCC priorities for action on mental health in NSW

➤ The NSW Government work with the Australian Government to implement the recommendations of the Productivity Commission Report into Mental Health to create a mental health system that place people at its centre and ensures people living with mental conditions get the services they need to lead contributing lives in their communities

➤ Increase resources to deliver codesigned psychosocial supports to the 46,000 people missing out on vital support.

Provide additional funding in the 2021/22 NSW Budget, delivered over four years, for:

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- 5000 additional community living support places
  - 600 Step-Up Step-Down places
  - Integrated Community Mental Health Hubs.
  - Additional support models identified through local planning

➤ Apply the National Mental Health Service Planning Framework to estimate service gaps and inform additional investment.

The NSW Government to actively support a new National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Agreement, which clarifies responsibilities and additional funding for psychosocial services by each level of government. The Agreement should:

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- articulate the importance of psychosocial support services
  - set out a clear role in planning for community-managed mental health organisations, consumers and carers
  - establish performance and accountability mechanisms for each level of government
  - include a mechanism to ensure all funds intended for mental health services are used for delivery of mental health services.

➤ Introduce guidelines for services delivered by community mental health organisations to allow rolling five-year contracts based on ongoing review and achievement of objectives.

➤ Any transfer of psychosocial supports (outside of the NDIS) to state and territory governments, must include shared accountability between both levels of government to address gaps in funding to deliver these services.

➤ Elevate local solutions by encouraging collaboration between community-managed mental health organisations, local health districts and primary health networks.