

Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System

Implementation progress - June 2021

- Notes:**
1. Where recommendations contain subcomponents with differing due dates, recommendation subcomponent numbers and their specific due dates are listed in column E.
 2. Some 2021-22 Budget line items encompass multiple recommendations
 3. Lead departments/agencies and lead Ministerial portfolios are subject to change as implementation design is undertaken.

Recommendation		Responsibility		Timing		2021-22 Budget
Rec No.	Title	Lead department/agency	Lead Ministerial portfolio	Implementation to be completed by (as set by Royal Commission)	Implementation progress	2021-22 Budget line item
Final Report recommendations						
1	Supporting good mental health and wellbeing	Department of Health	Mental Health	1.1 End 2022 1.2-1.4 End 2031	In progress	Strengthening system leadership, governance & accountability
2	Governance arrangements for promoting good mental health and preventing mental illness	Department of Health	Mental Health	End 2022	In progress	Promoting good mental health and wellbeing and preventing mental illness
3	Establishing a responsive and integrated mental health and wellbeing system	Department of Health	Mental Health	3.1 & 3.2.a End 2026 3.2.b. & 3.2.c End 2022 3.2.d. End 2026 3.3 End 2022 3.4 & 3.5 End 2024	In progress	New local services for adults and older adults in their communities Reformed area services to better support the mental health and wellbeing of adults and older adults Expanding statewide services to improve support for high and specialised needs
4	Towards integrated regional governance	Department of Health	Mental Health	4.1 Mid 2021 4.2 End 2023 4.3 End 2026 4.4 End 2023 4.5 End 2022	In progress	A new approach to commissioning: integrated regional governance
5	Core functions of community mental health and wellbeing services	Department of Health	Mental Health	End 2026	In progress	
6	Helping people find and access treatment, care and support	Department of Health	Mental Health	6.1 & 6.2 End 2026 6.3-6.5 End 2022	In progress	A mental health & wellbeing system with lived experience at the core
7	Identifying needs and providing initial support in mental health and wellbeing services	Department of Health	Mental Health	End 2026	To be commenced	
8	Responding to mental health crises	Department of Health	Mental Health	End 2024 8.3.c End 2022	In progress	Redesigning and expanding Victoria's mental health and wellbeing infrastructure Additional acute mental health beds in Warrnambool (asset) Strengthening system leadership, governance & accountability
9	Developing 'safe spaces' and crisis respite facilities	Department of Health	Mental Health	End 2026	In progress	Redesigning and expanding Victoria's mental health and wellbeing infrastructure
10	Supporting responses from emergency services to mental health crises	Department of Health	Ambulance Services	10.1 End 2024 10.2 End 2022 10.3 End 2024	In progress	Mental health-led emergency responses for Victorians in crisis
11	New models of care for bed-based services	Department of Health	Mental Health	11.1 End 2026 11.2 End 2022 11.3 End 2026 11.4 End 2031	In progress	New safe and compassionate models of care for bed-based services Redesigning and expanding Victoria's mental health and wellbeing infrastructure
12	Developing new bed-based rehabilitation services	Department of Health	Mental Health	12.1 & 12.2 End 2026 12.3 End 2031	In progress	Redesigning and expanding Victoria's mental health and wellbeing infrastructure
13	Addressing gender-based violence in mental health facilities	Department of Health	Mental Health	13.1 End 2031 13.2 Mid 2022 13.3 End 2026 13.4 End 2031	In progress	Redesigning and expanding Victoria's mental health and wellbeing infrastructure
14	Supporting mental health consultation liaison services	Department of Health	Mental Health	End 2024	To be commenced	
15	Supporting good mental health and wellbeing in local communities	Department of Health	Mental Health	15.1 & 15.2 End 2024 15.3 End 2026 15.4 End 2022	In progress	Promoting good mental health and wellbeing and preventing mental illness
16	Establishing mentally healthy workplaces	Department of Premier & Cabinet	Premier	16.1 End 2022 16.2 End 2023	In progress	Promoting good mental health and wellbeing and preventing mental illness
17	Supporting social and emotional wellbeing in schools	Department of Education and Training	Education	17.1 End 2031 17.2 End 2022 17.3 End 2031	In progress	Mental health reform in education: setting up children and young people to thrive
18	Supporting the mental health and wellbeing of prospective and new parents	Department of Health	Mental Health	18.1 End 2026 18.2 End 2022	In progress	Supporting the mental health and wellbeing of infants, children and families
19	Supporting infant, child and family mental health and wellbeing	Department of Health	Mental Health	19.1-19.4 End 2022 19.5 End 2026	In progress	Supporting the mental health and wellbeing of infants, children and families Redesigning and expanding Victoria's mental health and wellbeing infrastructure
20	Supporting the mental health and wellbeing of young people	Department of Health	Mental Health	20.1 End 2022 20.2 End 2024 20.3 End 2026 20.4 End 2022	In progress	Supporting the mental health & wellbeing of young people

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21	Redesigning bed-based services for young people	Department of Health	Mental Health	21.1 & 21.2 End 2026 21.3 End 2022	In progress	Expanding and improving mental health treatment facilities for Victoria's youth (statewide) (asset) Redesigning and expanding Victoria's mental health and wellbeing infrastructure
22	Supporting the mental health and wellbeing of older Victorians	Department of Health	Mental Health	22.1 End 2022 22.2 & 22.3 End 2024	In progress	Reformed area services to better support the mental health and wellbeing of adults and older adults
23	Establishing a new Statewide Trauma Service	Department of Health	Mental Health	End 2022	In progress	Designing a new Statewide Trauma Service to better support people with lived experience of trauma Redesigning and expanding Victoria's mental health and wellbeing infrastructure
24	A new approach to addressing trauma	Department of Health	Mental Health	End 2026	To be commenced	
25	Supported housing for adults and young people living with mental illness	Department of Families, Fairness and Housing	Housing	25.1 End 2031 25.2 End 2022 25.3 End 2024 25.4 End 2026 25.5 End 2022 25.6 End 2031	In progress	Supported housing for adults and young people living with mental illness
26	Governance arrangements for suicide prevention and response efforts	Department of Health	Mental Health	26.1 End 2022 26.2 End 2031	In progress	Facilitating government & community-wide suicide prevention and response
27	Facilitating suicide prevention and response initiatives	Department of Health	Mental Health	27.1 & 27.2 End 2024 27.3 End 2022	In progress	Facilitating government & community-wide suicide prevention and response
28	Developing system-wide roles for the full and effective participation of people with lived experience of mental illness or psychological distress	Department of Health	Mental Health	End 2031	To be commenced	
29	A new agency led by people with lived experience of mental illness or psychological distress	Department of Health	Mental Health	End 2024	In progress	A mental health & wellbeing system with lived experience at the core
30	Developing system-wide involvement of family members and carers	Department of Health	Mental Health	End 2031	To be commenced	
31	Supporting families, carers and supporters	Department of Health	Mental Health	31.1 & 31.2 End 2022 31.3 End 2024	In progress	Supporting families and carers Facilitating government & community-wide suicide prevention and response
32	Supporting young carers	Department of Health	Mental Health	End 2022	In progress	Supporting families and carers
33	Supporting Aboriginal social and emotional wellbeing	Department of Health	Mental Health	33.1-33.3 End 2022 33.4 End 2024	In progress	Supporting Aboriginal social & emotional wellbeing Redesigning and expanding Victoria's mental health and wellbeing infrastructure
34	Working in partnership with and improving accessibility for diverse communities	Department of Health	Mental Health	34.1 End 2031 34.2 End 2022 34.3 End 2031 34.4 End 2021 34.5 End 2024	In progress	Working in partnerships to improve accessibility for diverse communities
35	Improving outcomes for people living with mental illness and substance use or addiction	Department of Health	Mental Health	End 2022	In progress	Integrated care for people living with mental illness and substance use or addiction Redesigning and expanding Victoria's mental health and wellbeing infrastructure
36	A new statewide service for people living with mental illness and substance use or addiction	Department of Health	Mental Health	36.1 End 2024 36.2 End 2026 36.3 End 2022	In progress	Integrated care for people living with mental illness and substance use or addiction
37	Supporting the mental health and wellbeing of people in contact with, or at risk of coming into contact with, the criminal and youth justice systems	Department of Justice and Community Safety	Attorney General	37.1 End 2026 37.2 & 37.3 End 2022 37.4 End 2024	In progress	Supporting the mental health and wellbeing of people in contact with the criminal and youth justice systems
38	Providing safe and appropriate mental health treatment, care and support at Thomas Embling Hospital	Department of Health	Mental Health	38.1 End 2026 38.2 End 2031	In progress	Expanding and improving bed-based forensic mental health services: Thomas Embling Hospital (asset)
39	Supporting the mental health and wellbeing of people in rural and regional Victoria	Department of Health	Mental Health	39.1.a. End 2026 39.1.b. End 2022	In progress	Supporting the mental health and wellbeing of rural and regional Victorians
40	Providing incentives for the mental health and wellbeing workforce in rural and regional areas	Department of Health	Mental Health	End 2031	In progress	
41	Addressing stigma and discrimination	Department of Health	Mental Health	41.1 End 2031 41.2 End 2024 41.3 End 2031 41.4 End 2031	To be commenced	
42	A new Mental Health and Wellbeing Act	Department of Health	Mental Health	Mid 2022	In progress	New legal foundations and supporting consumers to exercise their rights
43	Future review of mental health laws	Department of Health	Mental Health	End 2031	To be commenced	
44	A new Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission	Department of Health	Mental Health	44.1 & 44.2 Mid 2022 44.3 End 2031	In progress	Strengthening system leadership, governance & accountability
45	Effective leadership of and accountability for the mental health and wellbeing system	Department of Health	Mental Health	45.1 Mid 2022 45.2 End 2031 45.3 Mid 2021 45.4 End 2031	In progress	Strengthening system leadership, governance & accountability
46	Facilitating government-wide efforts	Department of Premier & Cabinet / Department of Health	Premier / Mental Health	Mid 2022	In progress	Strengthening system leadership, governance & accountability

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47	Planning the new mental health and wellbeing system	Department of Health	Mental Health	47.1 End 2022 47.2 End 2023 47.3 End 2031 47.4 End 2026	In progress	Redesigning and expanding Victoria's mental health and wellbeing infrastructure
48	Selecting providers and resourcing services	Department of Health	Mental Health	48.1 & 48.2 End 2031 48.3 End 2022	In progress	Strengthening system leadership, governance & accountability
49	Monitoring and improving mental health and wellbeing service provision	Department of Health	Mental Health	End 2022	In progress	Strengthening system leadership, governance & accountability
50	Encouraging national partnerships	Department of Health	Mental Health	End 2022	In progress	
51	Commissioning for integration	Department of Health	Mental Health	End 2031	To be commenced	
52	Improving the quality and safety of mental health and wellbeing services	Department of Health	Mental Health	52.1 End 2021 52.2 End 2031	In progress	Improving the quality and safety of services and promoting consumer rights
53	Strong oversight of the quality and safety of mental health and wellbeing services	Department of Health	Mental Health	End 2031	In progress	
54	Towards the elimination of seclusion and restraint	Department of Health	Mental Health	54.1 End 2031 54.2 End 2022 54.3 & 54.4 End 2031	In progress	Improving the quality and safety of services and promoting consumer rights
55	Ensuring compulsory treatment is only used as a last resort	Department of Health	Mental Health	55.1 End 2031 55.2 End 2022 55.3 & 55.4 End 2031	In progress	
56	Supporting consumers to exercise their rights	Department of Health	Mental Health	56.1 End 2031 56.2 End 2022 56.3 End 2024 56.4 End 2031	In progress	New legal foundations and supporting consumers to exercise their rights
57	Workforce strategy, planning and structural reform	Department of Health	Mental Health	57.1 End 2031 57.2 End 2023 57.3 End 2021	In progress	Enabling the mental health and wellbeing workforce to deliver a reformed system
58	Workforce capabilities and professional development	Department of Health	Mental Health	58.1 End 2021 58.2 & 58.3 End 2022 58.4 End 2031	In progress	Enabling the mental health and wellbeing workforce to deliver a reformed system
59	Workforce safety and wellbeing	Department of Health	Mental Health	59.1 End 2021 59.2 End 2026 59.3 End 2021	In progress	Enabling the mental health and wellbeing workforce to deliver a reformed system
60	Building a contemporary system through digital technology	Department of Health	Mental Health	60.1 End 2022 60.2 End 2026 60.3 End 2024	In progress	
61	Sharing mental health and wellbeing information	Department of Health	Mental Health	End 2022	In progress	
62	Contemporary information architecture	Department of Health	Mental Health	End 2024	In progress	A new approach to information management to facilitate better information sharing for consumers
63	Facilitating translational research and its dissemination	Department of Health	Mental Health	63.1 End 2023 63.2 End 2024	In progress	Facilitating translational research to support ongoing system improvement
64	Driving innovation in mental health treatment, care and support	Department of Health	Mental Health	End 2031	To be commenced	
65	Evaluating mental health and wellbeing programs, initiatives and innovations	Department of Health	Mental Health	65.1 End 2022 65.2 End 2026 65.3 End 2031	In progress	<i>Funding sought for evaluation in initiative specific bids</i>
Interim Report recommendations						
1	Victorian Collaborative Centre for Mental Health and Wellbeing	Department of Health	Mental Health	Not specified	In progress	Facilitating translational research to support ongoing system improvement