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Senator Payne asked:

Please provide the criteria on which the assessment process was undertaken with regards to submissions for funding under the NPA on Mental Health.

Answer:

The following criteria were considered when assessing State and Territory funding bids for the National Partnership Agreement on Mental Health. It was not necessary for bids to meet all criteria. No priority order applied to these criteria:

- a. Meets demonstrated priority need;
- b. Level of co-investment by state/territory, which can include recent significant increases in investment in priority areas;
- c. Has the capacity to improve integration and coordination of state and territory services and state and territory services with Commonwealth services;
- d. Promotes a person centred and holistic view of mental health (that is, covers the full range of service needs by people with mental illness, not confined to health care), and that recognises and actively engages consumers, their careers and families in decisions around service delivery;
- e. Fosters innovation in service delivery and/or funding arrangements;
- f. Effective leveraging or demonstrated linkages to other state/territory or Commonwealth investments, for example in social housing, homelessness or sub-acute beds;
- g. Proposes funding is tied to clear and measureable deliverables (outcomes and/or outputs) that will be bilaterally agreed;
- h. Demonstrated capacity to deliver and ability to effectively manage implementation risk;
- i. Cost-effectiveness /value for money (ie will result in improvements in health and social outcomes or numbers of individuals benefitting, consistent with the level of investment); and
- j. Timing (ability for timely implementation).