

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017, 1 March 2017**

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**OUTCOME:** 2 - Health Access and Support Services

**Topic:** Suicide Prevention Trial Sites

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**Senator:** O'Neill, Deborah

**Question:**

Senator O'NEILL: When you say 'community', do you mean the Indigenous community in particular or the broader community?

Ms Cole: I mean the Indigenous community. Then it has that major service providers. It has a representative from relevant government departments and the state health department. It has representation, I believe, from the WA Police and it has the education department on it. I can give you a list on notice if you would like, but that gives you a sense of the number of people involved, interested and engaged in the issue.

Senator SIEWERT: You are going exactly where I was going to go first. You offered to give us a list for the Kimberley. Can you give us the list of who is on it? The complete list would be very much appreciated.

Senator O'NEILL: And for all those PHNs, wherever you have it, would be really good.

Senator SIEWERT: For all of them, yes. Is there additional funding going into the Kimberley beyond the trial for suicide prevention?

Ms Cole: Yes, there is.

Senator SIEWERT: Can you articulate what additional funding is going in? With the different announcements that have been made, I am confused about what is new money and what is the same initiative being re-announced in a different way.

Ms Cole: I will take that on notice. The figures that I have before me are aggregated up country WA PHN, so I will need to go back to the PHN and asked them about their allocation for the Kimberley region.

Senator SIEWERT: I want all the allocations for the Kimberley so that I am clear about what is existing funding and what is new funding and, given that we only have one PHN, perhaps you could do it for the rest of the regions that you have articulated getting funding from other areas. Thank you.

**Answer:**

The Department of Health is aware of the following suicide prevention trial community advisory groups established to date:

## **Kimberley Suicide Prevention Working Group**

- Minister for Health (Chair)
- Senator the Hon Pat Dodson
- The Hon Melissa Price, MP
- Department of Health
- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
- Empowered Communities
- Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Cultural Centre
- Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services
- Kimberley Mental Health and Drug Service
- National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation
- Regional community representation from the towns of Broome, Derby, Fitzroy Crossing, Halls Creek, Kununurra and Wyndham
- Western Australia Primary Health Alliance/Country WA PHN
- WA Country Health Service
- WA Mental Health Commission
- WA Department of Education
- Chair of Regional Services Reform Unit WA
- WA Police representative

## **Veterans Suicide Prevention Project Steering Committee (Townsville)**

- Legacy Patron, Townsville Defence Reference Group (Retired 3 Star Lieutenant General)
- Veterans off the Streets, RSL, Townsville Defence Reference Group
- Pastor, Lavarack Barracks, Townsville Defence Reference Group
- THHS Hospital Board member
- Defence Families Australia (North Queensland)
- Operations Director, Mental Health Service Group, Townsville Health and Hospital Service
- Director of Mental Health, North Queensland PHN
- Townsville Regional Manager, North Queensland PHN

## **Clarence Valley Steering Committee (North Coast PHN)**

- Manager Mental Health Reform, North Coast PHN (Chair)
- Director, Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol, Northern NSW Local Health District
- Community Development Officer (Youth), Clarence Valley Council
- Manager, New School of Arts
- Phams Manager, CHESS
- Client Services Manager, Cranes
- NSW Police
- Director of Public Schools, Department of Education and Training
- Principal, McAuley Catholic College
- Community Member (x3)
- CEO, Bulgarr Ngaru Medical Aboriginal Corporation
- Rural Adversity Mental Health Program Coordinator, NNSW LHD
- Manager Richmond Clarence Mental Health, NNSW LHD
- Senior Project Officer, Mental Health Reform, North Coast PHN
- Director, Student Wellbeing, Clarence Valley Anglican School
- Coordinator, Standby Response Service
- Coordinator, Peer Workers, Mission Australia, (Partners in Recovery)

- Peer Worker, Mission Australia, (Partners in Recovery)
- Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet
- headspace School Support

### Suicide prevention funding

The Country WA Primary Health Network (PHN) flexible mental health funding for 2017-18 is approximately \$18.7 million, including \$0.55 million for community suicide prevention, and \$0.62 million for indigenous suicide prevention.

The information provided below, supplied by the PHN, shows the indicative proportion of funding (out of the full Country PHN flexible funding pool) allocated to the two PHN regions against mental health and alcohol and other drug program and sub-program areas. Where funding is specifically for services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, this has been noted.

<b>Funding stream</b>	<b>Kimberley</b>	<b>Midwest</b>
Mental Health – low intensity and psychological therapies	20%	17%
Statewide low intensity/psychological therapies Virtual Clinic - PORTS	This service will be provided as an online/telephone service across regions.	
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health	21%	15%
Care coordination for people with severe and complex mental illness	13%	14%
Alcohol and other drug treatment – General	14%	12%
Alcohol and other drug treatment – ATSI	23%	17%
Suicide Prevention – ATSI (note suicide prevention support is also provided under the mental health low intensity services above)	25%	20%
Youth psychosis – young people with or at risk of severe mental illness	14%	13%