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Senator: O'Neill, Deborah

Question:

Senator O'NEILL: Perhaps take this on notice, as I am very mindful of time: what is the structure of the community consultation for the PHNs for the mental-health trial sites? Who invited them, how are they being facilitated, how many meetings—what is going on? Who has started and who has not started? Basically, I would like a Gantt chart of how it is rolling out and what is going on where. If possible, I would also like the names of the people who are the community representatives, so we can see who is engaged in this process.

Mr Cormack: We will take that on notice

Answer:

For the 12 suicide prevention trial sites, Primary Health Networks (PHNs) have been selected as the lead agency for implementation. All sites have commenced planning activity with each PHN at a differing point in their planning process. Each trial is being tailored to community need.

The Department of Health is currently working with each PHN to identify regional suicide prevention priorities in terms of target high risk groups (where not pre-identified) and geographical areas of need. As part of the process PHNs are consulting with community stakeholders to clarify priority areas for action and to develop trial workplans.

Each PHN will establish a community group to help guide the implementation of the trial in the region. This is consistent with the objective for trials to be responsive to community need. Black Dog Institute has been engaged by the department to provide support, as needed, to the trial sites.

Formal meetings and roundtables, both undertaken and planned to date, are as follows:

Site	PHN	Meetings to date	Status Comments
Brisbane North	Brisbane North		Based on local data, consultation, and the views of their Suicide Prevention Strategic Partnership Group, three priority groups have been identified for the suicide prevention trial: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people • Young adult and middle aged men • LGBTI people
North Coast NSW	North Coast NSW	23 February 2017 1 March 2017 – community co-design workshop	The North Coast trial will focus on the Clarence Valley (Grafton), Tweed/Byron, Lismore and Kempsey areas and will seek to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and people who have attempted suicide after presenting to the emergency department.
North West Melbourne	North West Melbourne		The North Western Melbourne PHN has identified Brimbank/Melton, Macedon Ranges and the City as potential target locations due to these areas having higher rates of suicide. The PHN is considering target populations within these areas which may include LGBTI people, young people and men.
Perth South	Perth South		The Perth South trial will focus on youth populations. Perth South has an established Community Response Working Group and the implementation of the suicide prevention trial will be a primary focus for this group.
Kimberley	Country WA	14 October 2016 – Roundtable 2 February 2017 – Working Group 1 May 2017 - Working Group August 2017 – Next meeting of the Working Group	A Kimberley Suicide Prevention Working Group was formed following the October roundtable and the first meeting was held in Broome on 2 February 2017. A second meeting was held on 1 May 2017. A steering group is currently being formed to further guide the planning and implementation for the trial.

Townsville	North Queensland	<p>7 December 2016- Roundtable</p> <p>April 2017- Meeting of Steering Committee</p> <p>May 2017- Meeting of Steering Committee</p> <p>June 2017 – Next meeting of the Steering Committee.</p>	<p>A Townsville Suicide Prevention Project Steering Committee has been formed, with regular meetings held in April and May 2017. Lieutenant General (Retired) John Caligari is leading the Project Steering committee.</p> <p>A project officer has been appointed for the trial – and is scheduled to commence mid to late May 2017.</p>
Darwin	Northern Territory	<p>2 May 2017 – Roundtable</p> <p>August 2017 – Next meeting of the Working Group</p>	<p>A roundtable discussion was held in Darwin on 2 May 2017 with cross-sectorial representation from Aboriginal community controlled sector, NT Government, service providers and other peak bodies.</p> <p>A Comprehensive Healthcare Advisory Group has been established targeted for work with Aboriginal communities. Next steps include the formalisation of an ongoing working group and steering committee to guide the work of the trial.</p>
Western NSW	Western NSW		<p>The Western NSW PHN has proposed that the trial focus on the Remote Western NSW region which includes the Bourke, Brewarrina, Cobar and Walgett and is considering target populations of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people, the rural workforce and agricultural industry and youth populations subject to further data consideration.</p> <p>The PHN has engaged with the Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health to lead community consultation and planning on the trial.</p>
Central Qld, Wide Bay, Sunshine Coast	Central Qld, Wide Bay, Sunshine Coast	15 March 2017 – Suicide Prevention Forum	<p>The Central Queensland, Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast trial will focus on two areas with higher rates of suicide – Gympie in the Sunshine Coast region and Maryborough/North Burnett in the Wide Bay region.</p> <p>The PHN is engaging in community consultation in both regions, and is considering target populations.</p>

Tasmania	Tasmania		The Tasmania PHN is considering the target group of men aged 25 to 54 years old subject to further data considerations. A community working group is expected to be established by 1 July 2017.
Country SA	Country SA		The Country SA PHN has identified Country North South Australia as a focus area for the trial. The PHN has identified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, men and youth as target populations.
Mid West WA	Country WA		The Country WA PHN is considering focus regions and target populations for the Mid-West trial. They are currently considering the target group of men aged 24 to 54 subject to further data considerations. Country WA PHN has appointed a project officer to manage the trial in the region.

Please refer to SQ17-000043 for list of current community group representatives for suicide prevention trial sites.