

ADELAIDE PHN TRANSITION PLAN

URGENT-Existing Providers of ATAPS services

We are communicating with you as a current provider of ATAPS (Access to Allied Psychological Services) services in the 2015-2016 financial year within the Adelaide PHN region. The Adelaide PHN communicated with all commissioned ATAPS providers regarding the following transition arrangements for ATAPS services in late March 2016. Please ensure that this Transition Plan supersedes any correspondence provided to you by other parties.

To ensure a seamless transition of all current and newly referred (up to 30th June 2016) ATAPS clients we require the following;

- In the interest of best practice and good clinical care do not close, refer or transfer any clients who would best be serviced through transition arrangements as detailed below;
- Adelaide PHN will communicate with each provider regarding their clients' individual transition arrangements and associated funding.
- Existing providers accept referrals up to and including the 30th June 2016 and allocate as per usual arrangements and communicate this to referrers.
- Transition periods for providers, post 30th June 2016, will be negotiated on a case by case basis and it is expected that all clients and services (if necessary) will be fully transitioned no later than the 30th of September 2016.
- Providers need to keep clear, up to date records for every client accessing ATAPS services. This must include:
 1. The original referral, the date the referral was received, number of services provided, a plan for closure and appropriate signed consent to share this information with Adelaide PHN as the funding body.
- Existing providers to ensure current and future clients are reassured that there will be no disruption to the provision of their services and must keep them updated and informed of the transition process.

The Adelaide PHN is committed to ensuring the transition process is as minimally disruptive to clients and providers as possible. Adelaide PHN is currently in contract negotiations for service providers to be able to start providing the new-look Mental Health Service as part of the Mental Health & Alcohol and Other Drugs reform from 1st July 2016. Details of the new providers and referral arrangements will be provided soon.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Adelaide PHN on (08) 8219 5900 if you have any questions or have any further enquiries or concerns.

Regards,



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