

Key Messages for State Government



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2 Areas of focus for Policy Development in 2015

- The range of services required for a comprehensive mental health system in Victoria;
 - The implications of NDIS for the future of mental health in this State
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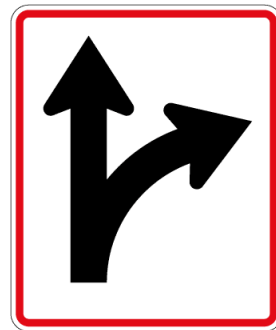
Our Messaging

VICSERV's approach builds on

- 2014 State Election Statement
- Issues and themes emerging from Barwon NDIS trial site
- Consolidation of thinking on the future for a State funded community mental health support system

An environment of change and development

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The Future ?

Priorities for the future

1. A comprehensive mental health system is needed
 - Contemporary
 - evidence-based
 - rehabilitation

Priorities for the future

2. Evaluation of MHCSS should be undertaken
 - identify benefits and unintended consequences

Priorities for the future

3. Further investment in MHCSS

- Commit to remaining reviews
- Expansion of PARCS
- Address physical health status
- Invest in affordable housing, linked to support

Priorities for the future

4. Respond to immediate needs in Barwon under the NDIS trial

- continuity of services for people living with mental illness and their families and carers

Priorities for the future

5. 10 Year Mental Health Plan

- immediate priority
- appropriately resourced
- engagement and consultation with providers, consumers and carers