

2021-22 Federal Budget Summary

Mental Health – \$2 billion

The Government will provide \$2.0 billion over four years from 2021-22 for the National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Plan.

Payments (\$m)

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Department of the Treasury	-	19.4	19.7	19.5	19.4
Department of Health	-	386.0	519.8	457.8	541.0
National Mental Health Commission	-	5.2	5.1	4.9	4.9
Department of Social Services	-	1.6	1.8	2.3	-
Services Australia	-	1.1	0.8	0.3	0.3
Total — Payments	-	413.3	547.2	484.8	565.6

Prevention & Early Intervention

\$111.2m	Over four years from 2021-22	To expand and enhance digital mental health services to provide Australians easier access to high quality digital mental health services.
\$77.1m	Over four years from 2021-22	For the National Legal Assistance Partnership to support the early resolution of legal problems for those experiencing mental illness and for mental health workers in Domestic Violence Units and Health Justice Partnerships to support women who have experienced family violence.
\$47.4m	Over four years from 2021-22	To achieve universal perinatal mental health screening across public antenatal and postnatal care settings, extend funding to the centre of perinatal excellence to continue to provide the digital infrastructure to support screening and to the Perinatal Anxiety and Depression Australia to meet higher demand for its helpline services.
\$6.3m	Over three years from 2021-22	To increase support services for fly-in fly-out and drive-in drive-out workers .
\$5.7m	Over three years from 2021-22	To build on the Individual Placement and Support (IPS) program to assist people with mental illness to participate in the workforce, including to pilot the IPS program in Adult Mental Health Centres

		and to trial Youth Vocational Peer Support Workers in two IPS headspace sites.
\$0.9m	Over five years from 2020-21	To continue the Ahead for Business digital hub , supporting small business owners to take proactive, preventive and early steps to improve their mental health.

Suicide Prevention

\$158.6m	Over four years from 2021-22	To work with states and territories to achieve universal aftercare services for all Australians discharged from hospital following a suicide attempt and to trial initiatives to provide aftercare services to those that may not have presented to a hospital.
\$61.6m	Over four years from 2021-22	To expand the National Suicide Prevention Leadership and Support Program to increase investment in whole-of-population suicide prevention activities.
\$31.2m	Over four years from 2021-22	To work with states and territories to establish a national Distress Intervention Program trial and to develop national accreditation and standards for safe space services
\$22.0m	Over four years from 2021-22	To work with states and territories to continue postvention services nationally to support people who are bereaved by suicide.
\$12.8m	Over four years from 2021-22	To establish the National Suicide Prevention Office which will oversee the national approach to suicide prevention.
\$12.0m	In 2021-22	To extend the National Suicide Prevention Trial for one year to continue the delivery of local suicide prevention initiatives across Australia.

Treatment

\$487.2m	Over four years from 2021-22	To establish a network of Head to Health adult mental health centres and satellites to provide accessible, coordinated, multidisciplinary care . This includes a central intake and assessment service to triage and refer people to the most appropriate services.
		Note: A number of the new adult and child mental health centres will also be established with expertise focused on providing care for particular vulnerable groups, such as LGBTIQ+ or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mental health, based on identified areas of need.
\$278.6m	Over four years from 2021-22	To expand and enhance headspace youth mental health services, including in conjunction with the states and territories.

\$112.4m	Over four years from 2021-22	For continuity of psychosocial support services for people with a severe psychosocial disability who are not eligible for the National Disability Insurance Scheme.
\$111.4m	Over three years from 2022-23	To support the take up of group therapy sessions and participation of family and carers in treatment provided under therapy sessions and participation of family and carers in treatment provided under the Better Access initiative.
\$54.2m	Over four years from 2021-22	To work with the states and territories to establish child mental health and wellbeing hubs to provide multidisciplinary care and preventive services.
\$46.5m	Over four years from 2021-22	For parenting education and support to parents and carers with children aged under 12 years and to develop national guidelines to assist with early identification of emerging emotional difficulties.
\$34.2m	Over four years from 2021-22	To expand and implement the Initial Assessment and Referral tool to assist health practitioners to consistently assess and refer consumers in the mental health system.
\$26.9m	Over four years from 2021-22	To provide additional support for people with eating disorders and their families, and to establish a National Eating Disorder Research Centre.
\$4.0m	In 2021-22	To provide up to ten free trauma and distress counselling sessions for those impacted by the bushfires.

Supporting the Vulnerable

\$79.0m	Over four years from 2021-22	To implement initiatives under the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Strategy providing crisis and support services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
\$16.9m	Over four years from 2021-22	To provide mental health services and support to Australians from culturally and linguistically diverse communities , including for survivors of torture and trauma.
\$11.1m	Over two years from 2021-22	To improve outcomes for people with complex mental health needs including people with cognitive disabilities and autism spectrum disorder.

Workforce and Governance

\$117.2m	Over four years from 2021-22	To establish a national database on service delivery, performance and outcomes across the mental health system and conduct longitudinal surveys on the mental health of children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.
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\$58.8m	Over two years from 2021-22	To fund initiatives to attract, upskill and re-distribute mental health professionals and increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mental health workers.
\$15.9m	Over four years from 2021-22	To better equip General Practitioners in primary mental health care.
\$7.3m	Over four years from 2021-22	To enhance the capacity of the National Mental Health Commission to provide national leadership on mental health and suicide prevention reforms.
\$2.6m	Over three years from 2021-22	To support frontline mental health workers and address the stigma around medical professionals seeking support. Funding to conduct a scoping study to investigate options to improve consumer and carer engagement in the mental health sector.
\$0.3m	-	To engage with mental health stakeholders to investigate and co-design future national peak body arrangements to provide consumers and carers with a greater say in the future of the mental health system.

Related Measures

\$204.6m	April to December 2021	Extension of temporary telehealth MBS services from 1 April 2021 to 31 December 2021, with revised billing arrangements from 1 July 2021.
\$288.5m	-	To provide access to Medicare subsidised repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation for the treatment of medication resistant major depressive disorder.

Preventive Health — drug and alcohol treatment and support services – \$24.2m

Payments (\$m)

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Department of Health	-	15.7	8.4	-	-

\$16.8m	Over two years from 2021-22	To continue financial support to AOD services currently funded under the Social and Community Services Wage Supplementation, which ceases on 30 June 2021.
\$5.9m	In 2021-22	For the Alcohol and Drug Foundation to run the Good Sports program, which offers free support to community sports clubs to develop AOD and mental health policies.

\$1.5m	In 2021-22	To Hello Sunday Morning for its Daybreak program , which provides free online and mobile app services to support Australians experiencing problematic use of alcohol to reduce their intake and related harms.
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Veteran Wellbeing and Support Funding – \$60.7m

Payments (\$m)

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Department of Social Services	-	20.7	9.2	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-1.4	5.9	13.9	12.4
Total — Payments	-	19.3	15.1	13.9	12.4

\$23.3m	Over four years from 2021-22	To continue the Wellbeing and Support Program pilot as an ongoing program. The measure will provide medical, psychological and psychosocial support for highly vulnerable veterans who may be transitioning from the Australian Defence Force.
\$19.3m	Over four years from 2021-22	An ongoing measure, to maintain base funding for the Department of Veterans' Affairs' social and community care programs to assist veterans to continue living independently in their own home.
\$10.7m	Over four years from 2021-22	To establish Veteran Wellbeing Centres in Tasmania and South East Queensland that will provide veterans with access to local services including health services, mental health support, community organisations, advocacy and wellbeing support.
\$7.4m	Over three years from 2021-22	To bring forward the implementation date of the 2020-21 Budget measure Response to the Independent Review of the Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Payment Additional Support for Disabled Veterans from 20 September 2022 to 1 January 2022.

Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide – \$174.2m

Payments (\$m)

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Attorney-General's Department	-	78.4	67.0	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	16.7	12.2	-	-
Total — Payments	-	95.0	79.2	-	-

\$145.3m	Over two years from 2021-22	For the Royal Commission to inquire into systemic issues relating to defence and veteran deaths by suicide , suspected suicides and lived experience of suicide risks including the provision of
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support to eligible families and advocacy organisations to assist their participation in the Royal Commission.

\$28.9m

Over two
years from
2021-22

For **the Department of Veterans' Affairs to respond to information requests from the Royal Commission and the National Commissioner for Defence and Veteran Suicide Prevention**, and to support timely responses to veteran suicide.
