



VMIAC Consumer Register Opportunity.

We are excited to share this new VMIAC Consumer Register opportunity.

OPP2022-018 Social Prescribing Project Control Group

Relevant living and lived experience (LLE): Consumers with LLE of mental health issues and mental distress.

Activity: This opportunity is seeking **one** Mental Health Consumer Chair to be part of a tri-chair arrangement and **one** Mental Health Consumer Project Control Group member.

Both roles will attend a series of meetings to provide insight, advice, direction and oversight on the design, implementation and evaluation of the social prescribing trials recommended in the Royal Commission's final report.

Time commitment: Ongoing monthly meetings for 12 months and some out of session reading/preparation. The first Project Control Group (PCG) meeting is locked in for Wednesday 24 August, 1pm- 2:30pm

Payment: \$218 per meeting for half-day meetings, \$435 for full-day meetings

Background

As a result of Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System. Recommendation 15.4 of the Royal Commission's final report recommends that the Victorian Government establish one social prescribing trial per region in the Local Adult and Older Adult Mental Health and Wellbeing Services (Local Services) by the end of 2022.

These trials will support healthcare professionals to refer people experiencing psychological distress or mental illness into non-clinical community groups and supports.

Meaningful social connections and relationships are critical to the health and wellbeing of all people, particularly those living with a mental illness or experiencing psychological distress. As such, the trials will test social prescribing as a model to strengthen pathways between Local Services and initiatives that support community participation, inclusion and connection.



The three-year trials will be overseen by the Mental Health and Wellbeing Promotion Office in the Department of Health, and rigorously evaluated using an evaluation framework that is sensitive to local contexts. They will consider models of social prescribing which have been tried and tested and which have demonstrated efficacy and evidence of success. The outcomes will then be assessed to determine whether further roll-out is warranted.

Engagement Activity

The purpose of the Social Prescribing Trails Project Control Group (Project Control Group) is to provide insight, advice, direction and oversight on the design, implementation and evaluation of the social prescribing trials recommended in the Royal Commission's final report.

The role of the Project Control Group is to:

- Provide guidance, subject-matter and operational expertise, share data and evidence to support robust and informed planning, design, implementation and evaluation of the social prescribing trials
- Support co-design of the social prescribing trials and contribute to the development of state-wide guidelines, implementation plan and evaluation framework
- Provide advice on cross-cutting issues relevant to the trials, such as risk management, knowledge sharing, workforce development and partnership development.
- It is anticipated that place-based implementation groups will be established once the service providers for the Local Services in each of the six locations have been confirmed. However, the Project Control Group will provide advice on the state-wide development and implementation of the trials.

Time required

There will be ongoing monthly meetings (online) for 12 months and some out of session reading/preparation. The first Project Control Group (PCG) meeting is scheduled in for Wednesday 24 August, 1pm- 2:30pm

Mental Health Consumer Tri-Chair:

(This role is part of a tri-chair arrangement. There will be one tri-chair recruited through the VMIAC register and one tri-chair recruited through the Tandem register, plus the State Mental Health and Wellbeing Promotion Adviser as the third tri-chair.



- Ongoing monthly meetings for 12 months and some out of session reading/preparation
- Monthly engagement hours: Up to 4 hours meeting time + up to 3 hours reading/prep time per month

Mental Health Consumer PCG member:

- Monthly engagement: 2 hours meeting time for the first month and up to 1.5 hours meeting time each month thereafter + up to 2 hours pre-reading per month.

Selection process

VMIAC and the Department of Health are working together to nominate successful applicants.

Prior to the appointment of the roles, shortlisted consumers will have the opportunity to discuss the roles with the Department of Health. This discussion is intended to ensure consumers can ask questions to support their understanding of the roles and the context of the Social Prescribing Project Control Group in the reform process. This discussion is optional.

Previous applicants are welcome to reapply.

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Submit an EOI by clicking on the button below. EOIs will be accepted until **5pm on Friday 12 August**.