



10 July 2025

Matt Short
Assistant Secretary
Child, Youth and Priority Populations Branch
Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

Dear Matt,

Sector-led advice on youth mental health models of care

Thank you for this important opportunity to provide the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing with sector-led advice on new and/or refined models of care for mental health services for young people.

On behalf of the Consortium,* we now attach the final advice. This has been developed through consultation with 544 individual stakeholders across Australia, including government departments, service commissioners, service planners, service providers, young people, their families, carers and supporters.

We look forward to ongoing collaboration with the Department to support the development and implementation of evidence-informed, scalable models of mental health care for young people across Australia. Together, we can strengthen the mental health system to better meet the needs of young people experiencing mental ill-health, alongside their families, kin, carers, support networks, and the skilled workforce that supports them.

Sincerely,

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* We note that there has been broad support of the advice from all consortium partners and where points of difference exist, these have been documented and delivered to government with the final advice on 30 June 2025.