

# Mental Health Consultation Liaison Services



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**Under the NSW Government's response to *Living Well: A Strategic Plan for Mental Health in NSW 2014-2024*, \$2M will be provided across 2015-16 and 2016-17 to enhance Consultation Liaison psychiatry services, a sub-specialty of psychiatry, to general hospital patients at Westmead Hospital; Royal North Shore Hospital; Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and Prince of Wales Hospital.**

**Beyond June 2017, \$1M per annum recurrent funding will be allocated to the four LHDs at \$250,000 per LHD per annum.**

This enhancement focuses on provision of consultation-liaison psychiatry services to medically and surgically ill patients.

This enhancement provides for specialist mental health expertise and intervention early in a patient's treatment leading to improved health outcomes for patients. Consultation liaison psychiatry services aim to support collaborative processes between treating teams to ensure the mental health needs of patients are met; these services reduce general hospital staff time resolving mental health issues and reduce costs in general hospital settings.

To learn more about mental health care reform in NSW visit [www.health.nsw.gov.au/mentalhealth/reform](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/mentalhealth/reform)

