



WA STATE BUDGET 2019-20 PUTTING PATIENTS FIRST

The McGowan Labor Government is putting patients first. We are delivering high quality patient care across the State, with a significant investment in health and mental health infrastructure and better, more innovative services with improved access for all.

The McGowan Government has been implementing its commitments to make navigating the health and mental health system easier. We're freeing up beds so more people can be treated and improving services that put patients first.

We continue to provide the best quality patient care, working closely with experts, health professionals and community service providers, to ensure health and mental health is given the attention it requires.

HEALTH & MENTAL HEALTH SNAPSHOT

- \$9.1 billion health service investment in 2019-20
- \$6 billion total health infrastructure program
- An additional \$316.4 million to 2022-23 for core hospital and non-hospital services
- \$942.1 million investment to mental health, alcohol and drug services in 2019-20
- \$161 million to redevelop Joondalup Health Campus
- \$93.8 million boost for mental health services in the public health system
- An additional \$52 million for the Future Health Research and Innovation Fund
- \$41 million towards an end-of-life choices and palliative care package across the State including an extra \$5 million towards a purpose-built 38-bed residential aged and palliative care facility in Carnarvon
- \$42.5 million package for the co-ordinated and integrated Methamphetamine Action Plan
- \$26.4 million towards implementation of the Sustainable Health Review and initial projects, including \$3.3 million to plan for a new women's hospital co-located at the QEII site in Nedlands
- \$22.7 million of new funding to refurbish the 24-bed Intensive Care Unit at Royal Perth Hospital
- \$15.6 million for a 20-bed, secure mental health unit at Fremantle Hospital
- \$13.8 million for specialist services as part of the Pilbara Health Initiative, to enable patients to be treated closer to home
- \$13.1 million for the construction of a facility at Albany Health Campus to house a linear accelerator
- \$11 million for continued planning for the redevelopment of Bunbury Hospital, progressing an election commitment
- \$8.9 million for the continuation of the Mental Health Court Diversion program
- \$8.1 million for suicide prevention programs
- \$6.3 million to fund a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) suite at Kalgoorlie Health Campus.
- \$7.3 million for upgrades to Bentley Hospital
- \$4 million towards the new Laverton Hospital project
- \$3.6 million towards the establishment of Recovery Colleges, an election commitment, to support individuals in self-directed recovery from mental health and alcohol related issues
- \$3 million additional funding for comprehensive planning to decommission Graylands Hospital and reconfigure mental health services to reflect contemporary and more appropriate models of care
- \$2.3 million package to combat elder abuse, including continued funding for the WA Elder Abuse Helpline
- \$1.6 million to create culturally appropriate accommodation for Aboriginal patients and their carers while visiting metropolitan hospitals
- \$1.3 million for the construction of a renal unit at the Newman Health Service, which will house four renal dialysis chairs and supporting infrastructure
- \$1 million for the Kimberley Mobile Dialysis Unit

DELIVERING ON OUR COMMITMENTS

The McGowan Labor Government is continuing to work through plans to **progress key hospital initiatives** including upgrades to Collie hospital, which will be outlined in subsequent Budgets.

BOOSTING MENTAL HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES

The McGowan Labor Government is delivering a record investment to mental health, alcohol and other drug services in 2019-20.

We are providing more mental health initiatives with a focus on support, education, prevention and harm reduction which are aligned to recommendations of the Sustainable Health Review and support the McGowan Government's Methamphetamine Action Plan.

- \$15.6 million for a new 20-bed secure mental health unit at Fremantle Hospital – the second secure unit is expected to open in 2022 and will boost the total mental health beds on site to 84
- \$8.9 million for the continuation of the Mental Health Court Diversion program
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TACKLING THE METH CRISIS

The McGowan Government will invest an extra \$42.5 million towards its co-ordinated and integrated Methamphetamine Action Plan, **bringing the total investment to \$244.8 million to address methamphetamine issues in Western Australia.**

- \$20.1 million towards the North West Drug and Alcohol Support Program
- \$9.2 million towards the development of a comprehensive alcohol and other drug youth service in the Kimberley - fulfilling an election commitment
- \$4.8 million to establish a 10-bed crisis centre in Midland
- \$2.3 million for four low medical withdrawal beds in the Kimberley
- \$914,000 for alcohol and other drug training for Aboriginal workers through the Strong Spirit Strong Mind program
- \$631,000 to expand the existing Transitional Housing and Support Program, which will assist an additional 20 people each year
- \$614,000 towards alcohol and other drug training for frontline workers such as psychologists, social workers and counsellors
- \$457,000 for the Meth Peer Education Program which focuses on harm reduction and health promotion
- \$1.52 million to expand the needle syringe exchange program in high-demand regional areas including the Great Southern and Bunbury
- \$1.05 million for alcohol and other drug education programs in schools with a focus on at-risk students
- \$300,000 to expand the Hepatitis WA nurse-led program which supports GPs to provide brief interventions to meth users
- \$200,000 towards planning for short term safe places for compulsory critical intervention
- \$200,000 to plan for the expansion of the award-winning Mental Health Police Co-Response model to regional areas and to include support for alcohol and other drug issues
- \$150,000 towards raising awareness of the community Needle Syringe Exchange Programs

Initiatives already underway as part of the government's Meth Action Plan include the establishment of the Meth Border Force, increased police roadside testing, additional treatment beds across the State, the introduction of mental health emergency centres, expanding the Mental Health Police Co-Response teams to four districts in Perth, delivery of WA's first alcohol and other drug treatment prison – with a second facility in progress, and it has also introduced the toughest penalties in Australia for meth traffickers.

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH STEP UP/STEP DOWN SERVICES

The McGowan Government continues to increase mental health services in the community and across regional Western Australia and is investing more than \$22.4 million in capital funding over the next four years to establish community mental health step up/step down services.

This funding is in addition to almost \$6 million in 2018-19 provided for the existing step up/step down services in Joondalup (22 beds), Rockingham (10 beds) and Albany (six beds).

Community mental health step up/step down services are being established across Western Australia to support people living in the community. The service provides a range of support programs and activities within a residential style setting by offering additional support for the individual to manage a change in their mental health and being closer to the support from family and friends.

Planned community mental health step up/step down services include:

- 10-bed Bunbury service expected to open early next year
- 10-bed Kalgoorlie service expected to open next year
- A six-bed service in Broome, which is being progressed
- A six-bed service in Karratha, which is being progressed

IMPROVING AGED CARE

The McGowan Government is injecting millions of dollars towards developing, upgrading and refurbishing residential aged care facilities and tackling elder abuse.

The McGowan Labor Government is on track with its commitment to fast-tracking aged care establishments.

More than 30 aged care development opportunities have been progressed through land transfers, rezonings and development approvals.

These projects are estimated to create at least another 1,500 aged care beds across the state in coming years. An aged care working group is continuing to fast-track the availability of State-owned land and property for aged care facilities.

- An extra \$5 million for a purpose-built 38-bed residential aged and palliative care facility in Carnarvon on top of the \$11.6 million previously committed
- \$2.3 million package to combat elder abuse, including continued funding for the WA Elder Abuse Helpline
- \$8.6 million to support the Karlarra House residential aged care facility in Port Hedland

URGENT CARE CLINICS

The McGowan Government is Delivering Urgent Care Clinics to free up hospital beds and shorten emergency department waiting times – so more patients can be treated

The Government opened the first specialist Urgent Care Clinic (Toxicology), which focuses on those impacted by drugs and alcohol, at Royal Perth Hospital.

- \$2 million has been committed towards establishing Urgent Care Clinics across the community.

MEDIHOTELS

Work is underway for WA's first Medihotel.

The first Medihotel will be located alongside Fiona Stanley Hospital as part of the Murdoch Health and Knowledge Precinct, which will include aged care beds, housing and health research facilities.

Patients who are discharged from hospital but are still recovering can recuperate in a Medihotel, which offers comfort and privacy with close access to medical care.

