Brisbane North - Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services 2025/26 - 2027/28 Activity Summary View

AOD - 1100 - 1.1 - (Core Operational) Queensland Injectors Health Network

Activity Metadata

Applicable Schedule *

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

Activity Prefix *

AOD

Activity Number *

1100

Activity Title *

1.1 - (Core Operational) Queensland Injectors Health Network

Existing, Modified or New Activity *

Modified

Activity Priorities and Description

Program Key Priority Area *

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Other Program Key Priority Area Description

Aim of Activity *

From 1 July 2020, PHNs were advised of the ability to commission the most appropriate treatment services with flexibility to draw upon AOD Core and NIAS funding allocations individually or jointly. Allocating the total AOD funding sought to assist with increasing treatment availability in the community and better aligning programs to the Drug and Alcohol program. There are a number of key aims to this initiative.
These aims are to:
• Strengthen organisational capacity to achieve improved alcohol and drug treatment service outcomes
• Increase access to a greater range of high quality, best practice alcohol and drug treatment services
• Reduce drug related harm for individuals, families and communities while providing for a more sustainable drug and alcohol

treatment sector into the future. To achieve the key aims of this activity, Brisbane North PHN will continue to commission existing service providers to deliver evidence-based models of drug and alcohol services. The specific aims of this activity are to:
• Address the demand for access to drug and alcohol treatment through targeted, needs-based planning in response to the changing needs of the community. It also supports region specific, cross sectoral, and integrated approaches to drug and alcohol treatment services based on the needs of clients locally and focused on improving care coordination at the local level
• Support client's treatment journeys via internal and external services, referral pathways and linkages,

Description of Activity *

Alcohol and other drug (AOD) use continues to be a significant health need in the Brisbane North PHN region, particularly among people experiencing co-occurring mental health conditions. The Brisbane North and Moreton Bay Joint Regional Needs Assessment (JRNA) 2025-27 identifies AOD use as a priority concern that intersects with mental health, social disadvantage, and inequities in service access. Local evidence indicates ongoing high demand for outpatient AOD treatment, highlighting the need for coordinated, integrated, and accessible care. As of 14 September 2026, there are 39 AOD services in the Brisbane North PHN region, according to Queensland Network of Alcohol and Other Drug Agencies' (QNADA) service finder.

Clients often present with complex psychosocial needs, including mental health comorbidities, social isolation and housing insecurity, and service engagement barriers. Service mapping indicates that while 39 AOD treatment services operate across the region including psychosocial interventions, counselling, residential treatment, detoxification, and harm reduction providers, service distribution is uneven. Northern catchments such as Caboolture, Redcliffe, and surrounding Moreton Bay areas have comparatively limited service capacity relative to demand, contributing to inequities in access across the region. This is despite having additional services introduced in the Northern catchments in the last three years, where service demand continues to exceed capacity in this region.

Addressing these needs is central to the QuIHN program's objectives, that being expanding access to outpatient AOD treatment, supporting integrated care for people with mental health comorbidities, delivering tailored interventions across substance types and stages of change, and enhancing culturally safe service provision. Sustained investment, strong relational engagement,and coordinated commissioning are essential to reduce harm, improve equity, and support better health outcomes for individuals and families across the Brisbane North PHN region.

These treatment services include both non-government and government services, and are inclusive of psychosocial intervention, residential treatment, detoxification, and harm reduction providers (QNADA, 2026). Areas known to have some of the highest needs areas in the Brisbane North PHN region include Caboolture and Redcliffe.
The Queensland Injectors Health Network (QuIHN) program delivers community-based alcohol and other drug (AOD) treatment through counseling, case management, and harm reduction initiatives. As a primary harm-minimization provider, QuIHN delivers Needle and Syringe Program (NSP) services, peer outreach, and safer-use supports, and serves as a frontline contact point for high-risk substance users.
The service maintains high NSP utilization and a strong peer outreach presence, contributing to demonstrable reductions in harm and increased safer-use practices within the community. Brisbane North PHN will continue to commission the service provider to deliver a range of in-scope drug and alcohol treatment services and improve access to these services.

The program will deliver a blended model of AOD treatment and early intervention services, including screening and brief interventions, structured individual and group-based counselling, case management, detoxification and relapse prevention support, and post-treatment care.

In addition, QuIHN will adapt selected established group programs (MAISE, Wiser Minds, and Nuts & Bolts) into a suite of 4–8 self-directed online learning modules. These modules will include psychoeducation, practical skill-building content, relapse prevention strategies, interactive exercises, and embedded referral pathways to QuIHN and other local services.

Tasks undertaken to achieve this include:
• Brief interventions focusing on one off crisis support, education and referral
• Initial screening and eligibility for treatment services
• Provision of tailored clinical counselling to suit client needs
• Provision of individual counselling and support for significant others of individuals with problematic substance use

• Delivery of appropriate treatment addressing negative effects of substance use and mental health services for comorbid clients
• Individually tailored, client directed case management
• Provision of psychosocial education and support to those making/contemplating changes to substance use, behaviours relating to substance use, and co-occurring mental health concerns
• Post-discharge follow-up interview.

Outcomes to achieve include:
• Short term: Service users have access to additional services located in targeted locations, hence enhancing their potential to achieve a timely response to addressing problematic substance use.
• Medium term: Waiting 'pools' for AOD counselling and treatment services in the Brisbane North region are better managed and wait times are reduced through group intake or similar processes.
• Medium term: PHN data is bolstered by reports from agencies identifying trends in service use and number of episodes of treatment
• Long term: Enhanced AOD response in the Brisbane North region leads to better health outcomes for the populations in this region.
• Long term: Referral pathways are working well, streamlining the stepping up/down between agencies and supporting strong, positive service user outcomes
• Long term: PHN has evidence of continuous quality improvement in commissioned AOD services, and seamless referral processes ensuring client access to timely service provision is enhanced and waiting lists are non-existent.

Other activities will include facilitation of ongoing professional development for staff and developing relationships with other agencies, to enhance service capacity and support clients throughout their treatment journey.

Target Cohort: People in the Brisbane North PHN region aged 18+ experiencing problems with substance misuse and their extended networks. Vulnerable and high-risk population groups including young people, women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, LGBTIQ+, people experiencing financial hardship, and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Needs Assessment Priorities *

Needs Assessment

North Brisbane and Moreton Bay Joint Regional Needs Assessment 2025-27

Priorities

Priority	Page reference
Mental Health - Service Needs Level 1	3-5
Alcohol and other Drugs - Service Needs Level 1	4
Mental Health - Health Needs Level 1	2
Population Health - Service Needs Level 1	5



Activity Demographics

Target Population Cohort

People in the Brisbane North PHN region aged 18+ experiencing problems with substance misuse and their extended networks. Vulnerable and high-risk population groups including young people, women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, LGBTIQ+, people experiencing financial hardship, and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

In Scope AOD Treatment Type *

Early intervention (including brief intervention); counselling

Indigenous Specific *

No

Indigenous Specific Comments

Coverage

Whole Region

Yes

SA3 Name	SA3 Code
Redcliffe	31305
Brisbane Inner	30501
Sherwood - Indooroopilly	30403
Caboolture Hinterland	31303
The Gap - Enoggera	30404
The Hills District	31401
Kenmore - Brookfield - Moggill	30402
Brisbane Inner - West	30504
Brisbane Inner - North	30503
Chermside	30202
Nundah	30203
Strathpine	31403
Sandgate	30204
North Lakes	31402
Bald Hills - Everton Park	30201
Narangba - Burpengary	31304
Bribie - Beachmere	31301
Caboolture	31302



Activity Consultation and Collaboration

Consultation

Brisbane North PHN co-commissioned the Joint Comprehensive Regional Plan with Metro North Hospital and Health Service to strengthen service integration, reduce duplication and fragmentation, enhance person-centred care, and support evidence-based decision-making to inform future policy and planning strategies.
In 2025, part of this collaborative regional planning applied HCD criteria to assess QI ideas that move us closer to desired state to determine if the idea is feasible, desirable, ethical, sustainable. Where intersections with AoD occur, discussions within the AOD Collaborative provided avenues to explore for these opportunities.

Collaboration

This commissioning activity is implemented by Brisbane North PHN, with QuIHN as the implementation partner delivering services consistent with the PHN commissioning cycle. QuIHN liaises and collaborates with regional stakeholders, including participation in relevant forums such as the Alcohol and Other Drugs (AoD) Partnership Group, which includes Metro North Hospital and Health Service, Allied Health providers, Queensland Government agencies, the Queensland Network of Alcohol and Other Drug Agencies, the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia, funded agencies, service users, and families.

The Queensland PHN AOD Network (QPAODN) collectively engages in policy discussions and advisory efforts at the state and individual PHN level to influence strategy and best practice that positively impact PHN's AOD commissioning, ensuring alignment with regional planning priorities and informed by evidence.



Activity Milestone Details/Duration

Activity Start Date

30/06/2016

Activity End Date

29/06/2027

Service Delivery Start Date

Service Delivery End Date

Other Relevant Milestones

1. Deliver alcohol and other drug treatment and reduce alcohol and other drug-related harm for individuals, families, and communities.

2. Provide a high-quality alcohol and drug treatment service, including maintaining existing capacity within QuIHN

3. Ensure the service meets the specific needs of target groups (youth, women, families with children, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples)

4: Support participants throughout their treatment journey, using both internal QuIHN services and other referral pathways and linkages (such as legal, employment, medical, child and family care, housing, etc.)

5: Enhance service capacity to deliver appropriate services and treatment to complex health and psychosocial needs, including mental health issues



Activity Commissioning

Please identify your intended procurement approach for commissioning services under this activity:

Not Yet Known: No
Continuing Service Provider / Contract Extension: Yes
Direct Engagement: No
Open Tender: No
Expression Of Interest (EOI): No

Other Approach (please provide details): No

Is this activity being co-designed?

No

Is this activity the result of a previous co-design process?

No

Do you plan to implement this Activity using co-commissioning or joint-commissioning arrangements?

No

Has this activity previously been co-commissioned or joint-commissioned?

No

Decommissioning

No

Decommissioning details?

N/A

Co-design or co-commissioning comments

The PHN inherited contracts directly from the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing. Further consultation was held with transitioning providers to ascertain service parameters.

Is this activity in scope for data collection under the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services?

Yes



Activity Planned Expenditure

Planned Expenditure

Funding Stream	FY 24 25	FY 25 26	FY 26 27	FY 27 28	FY 28 29
NIAS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
NIAS Operational and Mainstream	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Social and Community Services Award (SACS) Component	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Interest -	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00

Drug & Alcohol Treatment Services					
Core Drug and Alcohol and Operational	$1,241,695.55	$1,334,317.63	$1,343,598.19	$0.00	$0.00
Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services Maintenance	$243,939.74	$257,585.00	$263,767.04	$0.00	$0.00

Totals

Funding Stream	FY 24 25	FY 25 26	FY 26 27	FY 27 28	FY 28 29	Total
NIAS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
NIAS Operational and Mainstream	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Social and Community Services Award (SACS) Component	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Interest - Drug & Alcohol Treatment Services	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Core Drug and Alcohol and Operational	$1,241,695.55	$1,334,317.63	$1,343,598.19	$0.00	$0.00	$3,919,611.37
Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services Maintenance	$243,939.74	$257,585.00	$263,767.04	$0.00	$0.00	$765,291.78
Total	$1,485,635.29	$1,591,902.63	$1,607,365.23	$0.00	$0.00	$4,684,903.15

Funding From Other Sources - Financial Details

Funding From Other Sources - Organisational Details

Summary of activity changes for Department

Activity Status

Submitted

Subject	Description	Commented By	Date Created

AOD - 1200 - 1.2 - (Core Operational) Brisbane Youth Service

Activity Metadata

Applicable Schedule *

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

Activity Prefix *

AOD

Activity Number *

1200

Activity Title *

1.2 - (Core Operational) Brisbane Youth Service

Existing, Modified or New Activity *

Modified

Activity Priorities and Description

Program Key Priority Area *

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Other Program Key Priority Area Description

Aim of Activity *

This programs aim to increase alcohol and other drug (AoD) treatment access and availability in the community through strengthening organisational capacity to achieve improved alcohol and drug treatment service outcomes, increasing access to a greater range of high quality, best practice alcohol and drug treatment services, and reducing drug related harm for individuals, families and communities while providing for a more sustainable drug and alcohol treatment sector into the future. The Brisbane Youth Service (BYS) Youth AOD program aims to improve access to alcohol and other drug (AOD) treatment for young people aged 12–25 years through a youth-specific, outreach-focused model.
The program integrates AOD support with housing, mental health, and case management, providing tailored interventions that reduce harm, enhance stability, and improve psychosocial outcomes for vulnerable young people, including those at risk of homelessness.
To achieve the key aims of this activity, Brisbane North PHN will continue to commission existing service providers to deliver evidence-based models of drug and alcohol services.

The specific aims of this activity are to:
• deliver alcohol and other drug treatment, reducing related harms for specific target groups,
• provide high quality alcohol and drug treatment while maintaining existing capacity,
• ensure the service meets the needs of specific population groups,
• support client's treatment journeys via internal and external services, referral pathways and linkages.

• enhance service capacity to address complex physical, mental and social health needs.

Description of Activity *

In Brisbane North, there were approximately 7,699 clients attending AODTS in 2022-23 and 11,100 closed alcohol and other drug treatment episodes in 2022-23. This equates to 554 episodes per 100,000 people or 376 clients per 100,000 people.
Brisbane North clients accounted for 3.6% of clients in Australia and is 6th in PHN rankings for treatment episodes in a PHN region. (AIHW, 2023a).
The main drug of concern for treatment was alcohol, with 44.2% of closed episodes, an increasing trend; followed by amphetamines (21.6%), cannabis (21.4%) and benzodiazepines (2.1%).
Of the people accessing treatment services across Australia, there is a high diversity of clients in Brisbane North including:
• 9.6% of clients identify as Indigenous,
• 10.8% are young people aged between 10 and 19 years of age
• 12.3% of clients aged 60 years and over (highest of all PHN regions) Target Population: These statistics help identify the target cohort for services which include the General Population, Vulnerable and high risk population groups including young people women, LGBTI, unemployed, culturally and linguistically diverse, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Parents/Carers.
Assessment accounted for 41.3% of treatment types (second highest in PHN regions after the Northern Territory), with 38.7% for counselling.
Across the PHN region, equity of accessing treatment is also of concern, with only a limited number of AOD treatment services located in the northern areas of the region. As of 14 September 2026, there are 39 AOD services in the Brisbane North PHN region, according to Queensland Network of Alcohol and Other Drug Agencies' (QNADA) service finder.

These treatment services include both non-government and government services, and are inclusive of psychosocial intervention, residential treatment, detoxification, and harm reduction providers (QNADA, 2023). Areas known to have some of the highest needs areas in the PHN region include Caboolture and Redcliffe. This activity is specific to young people aged 12 to 25 experiencing problematic substance use and their extended networks. Vulnerable and high-risk population groups including poly substance users, people with co-occurring mental health issues and complex needs, young women, young families with children, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

This activity will target the whole of Brisbane North PHN region. Brisbane North PHN will continue to commission a network of service providers to deliver a range of in-scope drug and alcohol treatment services for at-risk populations.

Brisbane Youth Service will continue to deliver early intervention and brief AOD interventions, structured individual counselling and psychotherapy, group-based therapeutic programs where appropriate, case management and coordinated care planning, and post-treatment support, including relapse prevention services for at risk young people in the Brisbane North region.

These services include:
1. Deliver alcohol and other drug treatment and reduce alcohol and other drug related harm for individuals, families and communities.
2. Provide a high quality alcohol and drug treatment service, including maintaining existing capacity within BYS.
3. Ensure the service meets the specific needs of target groups (youth, women, families with children, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people).
4: Support clients throughout their treatment journey, using both internal BYS services and other referral pathways and linkages (such as legal, employment, medical, child and family care, housing, etc.).

5: Enhance service capacity to deliver appropriate services and treatment to complex health and social needs, including mental health issues. Outcomes to achieve include:
• Short term: Service users have access to additional services located in targeted locations, hence enhancing their potential to achieve a timely response to addressing problematic substance use.
• Medium term: Waiting 'pools' for AOD counselling and treatment services in the Brisbane North region are better managed and wait times are reduced through group intake or similar processes.
• Medium term: PHN data is bolstered by reports from agencies identifying trends in service use and number of episodes of treatment.

• Long term: Enhanced AOD response in the Brisbane North region leads to better health outcomes for the populations in this region.
• Long term: Referral pathways are working well, streamlining the stepping up/down between agencies and supporting strong, positive service user outcomes.
• Long term: PHN has evidence of continuous quality improvement in commissioned AOD services, and seamless referral processes ensuring client access to timely service provision is enhanced and waiting lists are non-existent.

Needs Assessment Priorities *

Needs Assessment

North Brisbane and Moreton Bay Joint Regional Needs Assessment 2025-27

Priorities

Priority	Page reference
Mental Health - Service Needs Level 1	3-5
Alcohol and other Drugs - Service Needs Level 1	4
Mental Health - Health Needs Level 1	2



Activity Demographics

Target Population Cohort

People aged 12 to 25 experiencing problems with substance use and their extended networks. Vulnerable and high-risk population groups including poly substance users, people with co-occurring mental health issues and complex needs, young women, young families with children, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

In Scope AOD Treatment Type *

Early intervention including brief interventions
Counselling including Psychotherapy
Post treatment support and relapse prevention
Case management, care planning and coordination

Indigenous Specific *

No

Indigenous Specific Comments

Coverage

Whole Region

Yes

SA3 Name	SA3 Code
Redcliffe	31305
Brisbane Inner	30501
Sherwood - Indooroopilly	30403
Caboolture Hinterland	31303
The Gap - Enoggera	30404
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Bald Hills - Everton Park	30201
Narangba - Burpengary	31304
Bribie - Beachmere	31301
Caboolture	31302



Activity Consultation and Collaboration

Consultation

Brisbane North PHN co-commissioned the Joint Comprehensive Regional Plan with Metro North Hospital and Health Service to strengthen service integration, reduce duplication and fragmentation, enhance person-centred care, and support evidence-based decision-making to inform future policy and planning strategies.
In 2025, part of this collaborative regional planning applied human centred design criteria to assess quality improvement ideas to move us closer to desired state to determine if the idea is feasible, desirable, ethical, sustainable and aligns with regional priorities. The Executive Partnership Group responsible for Our Regional Approach to Wellbeing have included the Director of Alcohol and Other Drugs for Metro North Health to the governance of the regional approach and ensure visible and committed discussion around alcohol and other drug concerns for the region.

Collaboration

This activity will be implemented by Brisbane North PHN, with advice from the Alcohol and Other Drugs (AoD) Collaborative This group explores quality improvement in the AOD sector, supporting engagement and collaboration.
Membership of this group is drawn from the Brisbane North region and includes Metro North Hospital and Health Service, Allied Health providers, Queensland Government agencies, the Queensland Network of Alcohol and Other Drug Agencies, Queensland Mental Health Commission, non PHN funded and PHN funded agencies, service users and families.
The Queensland PHN AOD Network (QPAODN) collectively engages in policy discussions and advisory efforts at the state and individual PHN level to influence strategy and best practice that positively impact PHN's AOD commissioning, ensuring alignment with regional planning priorities and informed by evidence.

Activity Milestone Details/Duration

Activity Start Date

30/06/2016

Activity End Date

29/06/2027

Service Delivery Start Date

Service Delivery End Date

Other Relevant Milestones

- Provide alcohol and other drug (AOD) treatment to reduce harm for young people, their families, and the wider community within the region.
- Deliver a high-quality AOD service, maintaining and optimizing existing service capacity within Brisbane Youth Service.
- Tailor services to meet the needs of priority groups, including young people, women, families with children, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- Support clients through their treatment journey, linking them to internal BYS services such as specialist services and external supports such as legal assistance, employment, healthcare, housing, and family services.
- Strengthen service capacity to respond to complex needs, including co-occurring mental health issues, to ensure appropriate, integrated care.

Activity Commissioning

Please identify your intended procurement approach for commissioning services under this activity:

Not Yet Known: No
Continuing Service Provider / Contract Extension: Yes
Direct Engagement: No
Open Tender: No
Expression Of Interest (EOI): No
Other Approach (please provide details): No

Is this activity being co-designed?

No

Is this activity the result of a previous co-design process?

No

Do you plan to implement this Activity using co-commissioning or joint-commissioning arrangements?

No

Has this activity previously been co-commissioned or joint-commissioned?

No

Decommissioning

No

Decommissioning details?

N/A

Co-design or co-commissioning comments

The PHN inherited contracts directly from the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing. Further consultation was held with transitioning providers to ascertain service parameters.

Is this activity in scope for data collection under the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services?

Yes



Activity Planned Expenditure

Planned Expenditure

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NIAS Operational and Mainstream	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Social and Community Services Award (SACS) Component	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Interest - Drug & Alcohol Treatment Services	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Core Drug and Alcohol and Operational	$411,748.75	$484,335.91	$487,704.83	$0.00	$0.00
Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services Maintenance	$80,764.89	$85,404.51	$87,454.22	$0.00	$0.00

Totals

Funding Stream	FY 24 25	FY 25 26	FY 26 27	FY 27 28	FY 28 29	Total
NIAS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
NIAS Operational and Mainstream	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Social and Community Services Award (SACS) Component	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Interest - Drug & Alcohol Treatment Services	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Core Drug and Alcohol and Operational	$411,748.75	$484,335.91	$487,704.83	$0.00	$0.00	$1,383,789.49
Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services Maintenance	$80,764.89	$85,404.51	$87,454.22	$0.00	$0.00	$253,623.62
Total	$492,513.64	$569,740.42	$575,159.05	$0.00	$0.00	$1,637,413.11

Funding From Other Sources - Financial Details

Funding From Other Sources - Organisational Details

Summary of activity changes for Department

Activity Status

Submitted

Subject	Description	Commented By	Date Created

AOD - 1300 - 1.3 - (Core Operational) The Institute for Urban Indigenous Health

Activity Metadata

Applicable Schedule *

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

Activity Prefix *

AOD

Activity Number *

1300

Activity Title *

1.3 - (Core Operational) The Institute for Urban Indigenous Health

Existing, Modified or New Activity *

Modified

Activity Priorities and Description

Program Key Priority Area *

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Other Program Key Priority Area Description

Aim of Activity *

The Drug and Alcohol Program provides Commonwealth funding for drug and alcohol related activities and aims to achieve improved health and social outcomes for individuals, families, and communities at risk of, or currently affected by problematic substance use in Australia. The overarching objectives of the Drug and Alcohol Program are to: *Support drug and alcohol treatment services across Australia to reduce the impact of problematic substance use on individuals, families, carers and communities.
*Support prevention and early intervention activities and promote evidence-based information about drug and alcohol through education.
*Support the development of drug and alcohol data to support evidence-based treatment national policy and service delivery.
*Support service linkages between drug and alcohol treatment services and mental health services, as well as with social, educational and vocational long-term support services.

This activity aims to provide integrated AOD services for Indigenous Australians so that their treatment needs can be met in a culturally safe manner that better connects individuals to a broader service system. By supporting the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health, this activity aims to give funds back to community-controlled organisations to facilitate Indigenous-led health services.

As well as ensure the delivery of culturally appropriate and integrated social and emotional health and wellbeing approach (mental

health), suicide prevention and alcohol and drug treatment services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in the Brisbane North PHN region base out of community controlled health services. In addition, services are delivered in a way that is cost-effective and service users have experienced improved well-being on completion of the program.

Description of Activity *

The Brisbane North PHN Health Needs Assessment determined that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are priority populations that need priority support and resourcing.
Health Impacts:
The JRNA highlights the significant health impacts of AOD use among First Nations people, including higher rates of hospitalisation and chronic health conditions related to substance use. This emphasises the ongoing need for culturally appropriate AOD treatment and support services to address the unique needs of First Nations communities.

Target Cohort: This activity is targeted to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across the Brisbane North PHN region experiencing problems with substance use and their extended carer and kin networks.

Brisbane North PHN will continue to commission IUIH to deliver a range of in-scope drug and alcohol treatment services. In addition, services are delivered in a way that is cost-effective, culturally safe and service users have experienced improved well-being on completion of the program.

The services delivered include:

1. Identification, Screening and Assessment
• Identification of particiapnts with complex intersecting needs, particularly those with co-existing substance use and mental illness
• Routine drug and alcohol screening and brief intervention in primary and community care settings

2. Therapeutic and Clinical Interventions
• Psychological and psychosocial activities to support the treatment of clients with complex intersecting needs
• Culturally appropriate responsive therapeutic interventions and services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants
- Deliver strengths-based therapeutic interventions that build on the goals, preferences, cultural strengths and existing supports of individuals, families and groups experiencing or at risk of drug and/or alcohol-related harm.
• Cognitive behavioural interventions and social therapy tailored to the needs and preferences of high-risk individuals and groups at risk of drug and/or alcohol-related harm
• Drug and alcohol outreach support before and/or after residential rehabilitation for high-risk dependent individuals

3. Care Coordination and Case Management
• Support for participants to access appropriate psychological measures as part of a care coordination process
• Implementation of appropriate structures and processes for case management and referral
• Maintaining a social health team in each participating community-controlled health service for the treatment of clients with mental health and/or alcohol-related issues

4. Workforce Support and Clinical Governance
• Clinical supervision to social health staff
• Facilitation of ongoing professional development for staff
• Developing relationships with other agencies to enhance service capacity and support participants throughout their treatment journey

This activity is also delivered in other PHN regions. By all of IUIH member services across Southeast Qld.

Needs Assessment Priorities *

Needs Assessment

North Brisbane and Moreton Bay Joint Regional Needs Assessment 2025-27

Priorities

Priority	Page reference
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health - Health Needs Level 1	2-3
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health - Service Needs Level 1	3,5
Alcohol and other Drugs - Service Needs Level 1	4
Mental Health - Health Needs Level 1	2



Activity Demographics

Target Population Cohort

This commissioning activity is targeted to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of all ages experiencing problems with substance use and their extended networks.

In Scope AOD Treatment Type *

• Early intervention, including brief intervention; information and education.

• Culturally appropriate therapeutic interventions and services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants.

• Cognitive behavioural interventions and social therapy tailored to the needs and preferences of high-risk individuals and groups at risk of drug and/or alcohol related harm.

• Drug and alcohol outreach support before and/or after residential rehabilitation for high-risk dependent individuals.

• Cognitive behavioural interventions and social therapy tailored to the needs and preferences of high-risk individuals and groups at risk of drug and/or alcohol related harm.

• Drug and alcohol outreach support before and/or after residential rehabilitation for high-risk dependent individuals.

• Integrated services for physical and mental health.

Indigenous Specific *

Yes

Indigenous Specific Comments

This is a program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people led by and run through the local Community Controlled Health Services and integrated into the IUIH System of Care.

Coverage

Whole Region

Yes

SA3 Name	SA3 Code
Redcliffe	31305
Brisbane Inner	30501
Sherwood - Indooroopilly	30403
Caboolture Hinterland	31303
The Gap - Enoggera	30404
The Hills District	31401
Kenmore - Brookfield - Moggill	30402
Brisbane Inner - West	30504
Brisbane Inner - North	30503
Chermside	30202
Nundah	30203
Strathpine	31403
Sandgate	30204
North Lakes	31402
Bald Hills - Everton Park	30201
Narangba - Burpengary	31304
Bribie - Beachmere	31301
Caboolture	31302



Activity Consultation and Collaboration

Consultation

Brisbane North PHN co-commissioned the Joint Comprehensive Regional Plan with Metro North Hospital and Health Service to strengthen service integration, reduce duplication and fragmentation, enhance person-centred care, and support evidence-based decision-making to inform future policy and planning strategies.
In 2025, part of this collaborative regional planning applied human centred design criteria to assess quality improvement ideas to move us closer to desired state to determine if the idea is feasible, desirable, ethical, sustainable and aligns with regional priorities. The Executive Partnership Group responsible for Our Regional Approach to Wellbeing have included the Director of Alcohol and Other Drugs for Metro North Health to the governance of the regional approach and ensure visible and committed discussion around alcohol and other drug concerns for the region.

Collaboration

This activity will be implemented by Brisbane North PHN, under the guidance of the Alcohol and Other Drugs (AoD) Collaborative This group explores quality improvement in the AOD sector, supporting engagement and collaboration.
Membership of this group is drawn from the Brisbane North region and includes Metro North Hospital and Health Service, Allied Health providers, Queensland Government agencies, the Queensland Network of Alcohol and Other Drug Agencies, Queensland Mental Health Commission, non PHN funded and PHN funded agencies, service users and families.
The Queensland PHN AOD Network (QPAODN) collectively engages in policy discussions and advisory efforts at the state and individual PHN level to influence strategy and best practice that positively impact PHN's AOD commissioning, ensuring alignment with regional planning priorities and informed by evidence.

Activity Milestone Details/Duration

Activity Start Date

30/06/2016

Activity End Date

29/06/2027

Service Delivery Start Date

Service Delivery End Date

Other Relevant Milestones

- Identify clients with intersecting needs, particularly those experiencing co-occurring substance use and mental illness, and provide appropriate treatment, support and care coordination.

- Maintain a team in each participating Community Controlled Health Service for the treatment of participants with mental health and/or alcohol-related issues.

- Deliver psychological and psychosocial activities to support the treatment of clients with intersecting needs, including culturally appropriate therapeutic interventions and services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

- Provide clinical supervision to team staff and facilitate ongoing professional development to enhance service capability.

- Support participants to access appropriate psychological measures as part of a care coordination process, including implementation of appropriate structures and processes for case management and referral.

- Implement routine drug and alcohol screening and brief intervention in primary and community care settings.

- Deliver strengths-based cognitive behavioural therapeutic interventions that build on and social therapy tailored to the goals, needs and preferences, cultural strengths and existing supports of high-risk individuals, families and groups experiencing or at risk of drug and/or alcohol-related harm.

- Provide drug and alcohol outreach support before and/or after residential rehabilitation for high-risk dependent individuals to support engagement and continuity of care.

- Develop relationships with other agencies and service providers to enhance service capacity and support clients throughout their treatment journey.

Deliver culturally responsive mental health and alcohol and other drug treatment, support and care coordination services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients across the Brisbane North PHN region.

Activity Commissioning

Please identify your intended procurement approach for commissioning services under this activity:

Not Yet Known: No

Continuing Service Provider / Contract Extension: Yes
Direct Engagement: No
Open Tender: No
Expression Of Interest (EOI): No
Other Approach (please provide details): No

Is this activity being co-designed?

No

Is this activity the result of a previous co-design process?

No

Do you plan to implement this Activity using co-commissioning or joint-commissioning arrangements?

No

Has this activity previously been co-commissioned or joint-commissioned?

No

Decommissioning

No

Decommissioning details?

N/A

Co-design or co-commissioning comments

Brisbane North PHN consulted with a wide range of stakeholders in the development of the Planning for Wellbeing: A regional plan for North Brisbane and Moreton Bay which focused on mental health, suicide prevention and alcohol and other drug treatment services for 2018-2023. The outcomes of this activity contributed to the co-design of this activity.

Brisbane North PHN initially administered this contract from the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing. Service providers were consulted during the transition phase to determine the parameters of service design. Providers have been engaged with the Alcohol and Drug Partnership Group and were consulted in the development of the regional plan and the co-design of this program.

Is this activity in scope for data collection under the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services?

Yes



Activity Planned Expenditure

Planned Expenditure

Funding Stream	FY 24 25	FY 25 26	FY 26 27	FY 27 28	FY 28 29
NIAS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Drug and	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00

Alcohol Treatment Services Maintenance					
NIAS Operational and Mainstream	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Social and Community Services Award (SACS) Component	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Interest - Drug & Alcohol Treatment Services	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Core Drug and Alcohol and Operational	$2,633,847.94	$2,612,016.88	$2,630,185.44	$0.00	$0.00

Totals

Funding Stream	FY 24 25	FY 25 26	FY 26 27	FY 27 28	FY 28 29	Total
NIAS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services Maintenance	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
NIAS Operational and Mainstream	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Social and Community Services Award (SACS) Component	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Interest - Drug & Alcohol Treatment Services	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Core Drug and Alcohol and Operational	$2,633,847.94	$2,612,016.88	$2,630,185.44	$0.00	$0.00	$7,876,050.26
Total	$2,633,847.94	$2,612,016.88	$2,630,185.44	$0.00	$0.00	$7,876,050.26

Funding From Other Sources - Financial Details

Funding From Other Sources - Organisational Details



Summary of activity changes for Department

Activity Status

Submitted

Subject	Description	Commented By	Date Created

AOD - 1400 - 1.4 - (Core Operational) The Qld Aboriginal and Islander Corp Alcohol & Drug Dependence

Activity Metadata

Applicable Schedule *

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

Activity Prefix *

AOD

Activity Number *

1400

Activity Title *

1.4 - (Core Operational) The Qld Aboriginal and Islander Corp Alcohol & Drug Dependence

Existing, Modified or New Activity *

Modified

Activity Priorities and Description

Program Key Priority Area *

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Other Program Key Priority Area Description

Aim of Activity *

All AOD Core programs aim to increase alcohol and other drug (AoD) treatment access and availability in the community through strengthening organisational capacity to achieve improved alcohol and drug treatment service outcomes, increasing access to a greater range of high quality, best practice alcohol and drug treatment services, and reducing drug related harm for individuals, families and communities while providing for a more sustainable drug and alcohol treatment sector into the future.

It also supports region specific, cross-sectoral, and integrated approaches to drug and alcohol treatment services based on the needs of clients locally and focused on improving care coordination at the local level.

Queensland Aboriginal & Island Corp Alcohol & Drug Dependance Services (QAIAS) delivers a culturally informed, residential alcohol and other drug (AOD) treatment program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, providing structured therapeutic support, counselling, clinical care, and case management. The program supports clients to reduce substance use, improve mental and physical wellbeing, strengthen coping skills, and build stable pathways toward, but not limited to, housing, family reunification, employment, and long-term recovery.

Description of Activity *

In Brisbane North, there were approximately 7,699 clients attending Alcohol and Other Drugs Treatment Services (AODTS) in 2022-23 and 11,100 closed alcohol and other drug treatment episodes in 2022-23. This equates to 554 episodes per 100,000 people or

376 clients per 100,000 people. Brisbane North clients accounted for 3.6% of clients in Australia and is 6th in PHN rankings for treatment episodes in a PHN region. (AIHW, 2023a).

The main drug of concern for treatment was alcohol, with 44.2% of closed episodes, an increasing trend; followed by amphetamines (21.6%), cannabis (21.4%) and benzodiazepines (2.1%). Assessment accounted for 41.3% of treatment types (second highest in PHN regions after the Northern Territory), with 38.7% for counselling. Across the PHN region, equity of accessing treatment is also of concern, with only a limited number of AOD treatment services located in the northern areas of the region. As of 14 September 2026, there are 39 AOD services in the Brisbane North PHN region, according to Queensland Network of Alcohol and Other Drug Agencies' (QNADA) service finder. These treatment services include both non-government and government services, and are inclusive of psychosocial intervention, residential treatment, detoxification, and harm reduction providers (QNADA, 2023).

The areas are known to be some of the highest needs areas in the PHN region include Caboolture and Redcliffe. The AIHW have identified the following demographics as priority populations in requiring alcohol and other drug support across Australia: Indigenous Australians, people experiencing homelessness, older people, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, LGBTIQ+, people with mental health conditions, younger people, and people who are in contact with the criminal justice system. (AIHW, 2020a). Brisbane North PHN will continue to commission the service provider to deliver a range of in-scope drug and alcohol treatment services.

These services include:
1. Deliver alcohol and other drug treatment and reduce alcohol and other drug related harm for individuals, families and communities.
2. Provide a high-quality alcohol and drug treatment service, including maintaining existing capacity within QAIAS
3. Ensure the service meets the specific needs of target groups (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people for Brisbane North PHN region aged 18+)
4. Support clients throughout their treatment journey, using both internal QAIAS services and other referral pathways and linkages (such as legal, employment, medical, child and family care, housing, etc.)
5. Enhance service capacity to deliver appropriate services and treatment to complex health and social needs, including mental health issues

Outcomes to achieve include:
• Short term: Service users have access to additional services located in targeted locations, hence enhancing their potential to achieve a timely response to addressing problematic substance use.
• Medium term: Waiting 'pools' for AOD counselling and treatment services in the Brisbane North region are better managed and wait times are reduced through group intake or similar processes.
• Medium term: PHN data is bolstered by reports from agencies identifying trends in service use and number of episodes of treatment.
• Long term: Enhanced AOD response in the Brisbane North region leads to better health outcomes for the populations in this region.
• Long term: Referral pathways are working well, streamlining the stepping up/down between agencies and supporting strong, positive service user outcomes.
• Long term: PHN has evidence of continuous quality improvement in commissioned AOD services, and seamless referral processes ensuring client access to timely service provision is enhanced and waiting lists are non-existent.

Target Cohort: People in the Brisbane North PHN region (predominantly though not exclusively Indigenous) aged 18+ experiencing problems with problematic substance use and their extended networks.

Needs Assessment Priorities *

Needs Assessment

North Brisbane and Moreton Bay Joint Regional Needs Assessment 2025-27

Priorities

Priority	Page reference
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health - Health Needs Level 1	2-3
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health - Service Needs Level 1	3,5
Alcohol and other Drugs - Service Needs Level 1	4
Mental Health - Health Needs Level 1	2



Activity Demographics

Target Population Cohort

People (predominantly though not exclusively Indigenous) aged 18+ experiencing problems with problematic substance use, and their extended networks. Vulnerable and high risk population groups including poly substance users, people with co-occurring mental health issues and complex needs, people experiencing unstable housing, people recently released from incarceration and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

In Scope AOD Treatment Type *

Counselling including Psychotherapy
Day stay rehabilitation and other intensive non-residential programs
Post treatment support and relapse prevention
Case management, care planning and coordination

Indigenous Specific *

Yes

Indigenous Specific Comments

This program is directly developed and led by QAIAS to provide culturally led, trauma-informed AOD rehabilitation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients. The model prioritizes culturally safe care, enhancing engagement, retention, and access to supports that respect cultural identity and community connection.

Coverage

Whole Region

Yes

SA3 Name	SA3 Code
Brisbane Inner	30501
Sherwood - Indooroopilly	30403
Redcliffe	31305
Caboolture Hinterland	31303
The Gap - Enoggera	30404
The Hills District	31401
Kenmore - Brookfield - Moggill	30402
North Lakes	31402
Brisbane Inner - North	30503
Strathpine	31403
Sandgate	30204
Chermside	30202
Nundah	30203
Brisbane Inner - West	30504
Bald Hills - Everton Park	30201
Narangba - Burpengary	31304
Caboolture	31302
Bribie - Beachmere	31301



Activity Consultation and Collaboration

Consultation

Brisbane North PHN is currently co-commissioning the Joint Comprehensive Regional Plan with Metro North Hospital and Health Service to strengthen service integration, reduce duplication and fragmentation, enhance person-centred care, and support evidence-based decision-making to inform future policy and planning strategies. In 2025, part of this collaborative regional planning applied human centred design criteria to assess quality improvement ideas to move us closer to desired state to determine if the idea is feasible, desirable, ethical, sustainable and aligns with regional priorities. The Executive Partnership Group responsible for Our Regional Approach to Wellbeing have included the Director of Alcohol and Other Drugs for Metro North Health to the governance of the regional approach and ensure visible and committed discussion around alcohol and other drug concerns for the region.

Collaboration

This activity is implemented by Brisbane North PHN, with QAIAS delivering services under PHN commissioning. QAIAS liaises and collaborates with regional stakeholders, including participation in relevant forums such as the Alcohol and Other Drugs (AoD) Partnership Group, which includes Metro North Hospital and Health Service, Allied Health providers, Queensland Government agencies, the Queensland Network of Alcohol and Other Drug Agencies, the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia, funded agencies, service users, and families.
The Queensland PHN AOD Network (QPAODN) collectively engages in and policy discussions at the state and individual PHN level to influence strategies and best practice that positively impact PHN's AOD commissioning, ensuring alignment with regional planning priorities and informed by evidence.

Activity Milestone Details/Duration

Activity Start Date

30/06/2016

Activity End Date

29/06/2027

Service Delivery Start Date

Service Delivery End Date

Other Relevant Milestones

- Intake and assessment
- Non-Residential ‘day’ rehabilitation with secure, culturally safe accommodation
- Individual counselling and brief interventions for AOD and co-occurring mental health
- Group education and Life Skills programs (coping strategies, substance misuse, budgeting, daily living skills)
- Post-rehabilitation support, relapse prevention, and case management
- Outreach in community settings to maintain engagement and motivation
- Linkages to health, housing, NDIS, legal, and social services for holistic care
- Workforce development and clinical supervision for culturally safe, trauma-informed practice

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Activity Commissioning

Please identify your intended procurement approach for commissioning services under this activity:

Not Yet Known: No
Continuing Service Provider / Contract Extension: Yes
Direct Engagement: No
Open Tender: No
Expression Of Interest (EOI): No
Other Approach (please provide details): No

Is this activity being co-designed?

No

Is this activity the result of a previous co-design process?

No

Do you plan to implement this Activity using co-commissioning or joint-commissioning arrangements?

No

Has this activity previously been co-commissioned or joint-commissioned?

No

Decommissioning

No

Decommissioning details?

N/A

Co-design or co-commissioning comments

The PHN administered contracts directly from the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing. Further consultation was held with transitioning providers to ascertain service parameters.

Is this activity in scope for data collection under the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services?

Yes



Activity Planned Expenditure

Planned Expenditure

Funding Stream	FY 24 25	FY 25 26	FY 26 27	FY 27 28	FY 28 29
NIAS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
NIAS Operational and Mainstream	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services Maintenance	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Social and Community Services Award (SACS) Component	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Interest - Drug & Alcohol Treatment Services	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Core Drug and Alcohol and Operational	$205,664.05	$203,959.38	$205,378.07	$0.00	$0.00

Totals

Funding Stream	FY 24 25	FY 25 26	FY 26 27	FY 27 28	FY 28 29	Total
NIAS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
NIAS Operational and Mainstream	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
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Social and Community Services Award (SACS) Component	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
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Core Drug and Alcohol and Operational	$205,664.05	$203,959.38	$205,378.07	$0.00	$0.00	$615,001.50
Total	$205,664.05	$203,959.38	$205,378.07	$0.00	$0.00	$615,001.50

Funding From Other Sources - Financial Details

Funding From Other Sources - Organisational Details

Summary of activity changes for Department

Activity Status

Submitted

Subject	Description	Commented By	Date Created

AOD - 2100 - 2.1 - (NIAS Mainstream) Commission AOD Treatment Services

Activity Metadata

Applicable Schedule *

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

Activity Prefix *

AOD

Activity Number *

2100

Activity Title *

2.1 - (NIAS Mainstream) Commission AOD Treatment Services

Existing, Modified or New Activity *

Modified

Activity Priorities and Description

Program Key Priority Area *

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Other Program Key Priority Area Description

Aim of Activity *

In Brisbane North, there were approximately 7,699 clients attending AODTS in 2022-23 and 11,100 closed alcohol and other drug treatment episodes in 2022-23. This equates to 554 episodes per 100,000 people or 376 clients per 100,000 people. Brisbane North clients accounted for 3.6% of clients in Australia and is 6th in PHN rankings for treatment episodes in a PHN region. (AIHW, 2023a). The main drug of concern for treatment was alcohol, with 44.2% of closed episodes, an increasing trend; followed by amphetamines (21.6%), cannabis (21.4%) and benzodiazepines (2.1%). Assessment accounted for 41.3% of treatment types (second highest in PHN regions after the Northern Territory), with 38.7% for counselling.

The AIHW have identified the following demographics as priority populations in requiring alcohol and other drug support across Australia: Indigenous Australians, people experiencing homelessness, older people, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, LGBTIQ+, people with mental health conditions, younger people, and people who are in contact with the criminal justice system. (AIHW, 2020a) Across the PHN region, equity of accessing treatment is also of concern, with only a limited number of AOD treatment services located in the northern areas of the region. As of 14 September 2026, there are 39 AOD services in the Brisbane North PHN region, according to Queensland Network of Alcohol and Other Drug Agencies' (QNADA) service finder.

These treatment services include both non-government and government services, and are inclusive of psychosocial intervention, residential treatment, detoxification, and harm reduction providers (QNADA, 2023). Areas known to be of the highest needs in the BNPHN region include Caboolture and Redcliffe. The aim of this activity is to increase access to and the availability of alcohol and

other drug (AOD) treatment services in the community of BNPHN region.
Brisbane North PHN will achieve this aim by working collaboratively with a broad range of stakeholders to commission AOD treatment services. Commissioned services will be in line with departmental guidelines and consistent with Brisbane North PHN's needs assessment.

This activity is targeted as a broad spectrum of AOD related treatment services with particular focus on the northern part of the PHN catchment. Across the PHN region, equity of accessing treatment is also of concern, with only a limited number of AOD treatment services located in the northern areas of the region.
To ensure that the aim of this activity is met, Brisbane North PHN will continue to commission a range of priority AOD treatment services across areas of identified need in the region. This will ensure that available services are used to their best effect to improve treatment rates and accessibility.

Description of Activity *

Alcohol and other drug (AOD) use remains a significant and ongoing health need in the Brisbane North PHN region. The Brisbane North and Moreton Bay Joint Regional Needs Assessment (JRNA) 2025–27 identifies AOD as a priority issue, particularly where it intersects with mental health conditions, social disadvantage, and inequitable access to treatment services.

The JRNA 2025–27 and associated regional service data highlight sustained demand for outpatient drug and alcohol rehabilitation services, especially for people experiencing co-occurring mental health and substance use conditions. Clients frequently present with complex needs requiring coordinated, cross-sector responses that integrate AOD treatment, mental health care, primary care, housing, and social supports.

The JRNA identifies inequities in service availability across the region, with northern growth areas including Caboolture, Redcliffe and the Moreton Bay North catchment experiencing service gaps relative to population growth and demand. Limited access to locally available specialist outpatient services creates barriers for people with transport challenges, financial disadvantage, or complex psychosocial circumstances.
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are a key priority group due to higher exposure to social determinants of health, historical disadvantage, and barriers to culturally safe treatment. Access to targeted and culturally appropriate services that link with broader Indigenous health services is essential to improving engagement and outcomes.

This activity caters to all individuals experiencing concerns with problematic substance use with particular emphasis on those with co-occurring mental health issues. The activity increases the availability of drug and alcohol treatment services for people experiencing problematic substance use, people with co-occurring mental health issues, and First Nations people experiencing problematic substance use residing in the Brisbane North PHN region.

Brisbane North PHN will continue to commission Lives Lived Well to deliver a range of in-scope drug and alcohol treatment services to increase the availability of drug and alcohol treatment services for people living in the Brisbane North PHN region through the specific provision of the following activities, as part of an overall stepped-care model of service delivery:

- Intake and assessment triage
- Day program/groups
- Face to face AOD counselling
- Case management and care coordination

Outcomes to achieve include:
- Short term: Service users have access to additional services located in targeted locations, hence enhancing their potential to achieve a timely response to addressing problematic substance use.
- Medium term: Waiting 'pools' for AOD counselling and treatment services in the Brisbane North region are better managed and wait times are reduced through group intake or similar processes.
- Medium term: PHN data is bolstered by reports from agencies identifying trends in service use and number of episodes of treatment
- Long term: Enhanced AOD response in the Brisbane North region leads to better health outcomes for the populations in this region.
- Long term: Referral pathways are working well, streamlining the stepping up/down between agencies and supporting strong, positive service user outcomes
- Long term: PHN has evidence of continuous quality improvement in commissioned AOD services, and seamless referral

processes ensuring client access to timely service provision is enhanced and waiting lists are non-existent.

Target cohort: The target cohort will be people experiencing problematic substance use, co-occurring mental health issues and First Nations people experiencing problematic substance use within the Brisbane North PHN region aged 15+.

Needs Assessment Priorities *

Needs Assessment

North Brisbane and Moreton Bay Joint Regional Needs Assessment 2025-27

Priorities

Priority	Page reference
Mental Health - Service Needs Level 1	3-5
Alcohol and other Drugs - Service Needs Level 1	4
Mental Health - Health Needs Level 1	2



Activity Demographics

Target Population Cohort

The target population includes:
- people experiencing problematic substance use
- people with co-occurring mental health issues.
- First Nations people experiencing problematic substance use

Age groups include:
15-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64 and over 65

In Scope AOD Treatment Type *

Counselling; post-rehabilitation support and relapse prevention; case management, care planning and coordination.

Indigenous Specific *

No

Indigenous Specific Comments

Coverage

Whole Region

No

SA3 Name	SA3 Code
Redcliffe	31305
Caboolture Hinterland	31303
Strathpine	31403
Narangba - Burpengary	31304
Caboolture	31302
Bribie - Beachmere	31301

Activity Consultation and Collaboration

Consultation

Brisbane North PHN is currently co-commissioning the Joint Comprehensive Regional Plan with Metro North Hospital and Health Service to strengthen service integration, reduce duplication and fragmentation, enhance person-centred care, and support evidence-based decision-making to inform future policy and planning strategies. Consultation through surveys with key stakeholders including community members, clinicians, alcohol and other drugs partnership groups were conducted for the 25-27 JRNA. Findings were developed into key priority areas within the region.

In 2025, part of this collaborative regional planning applied human centred design criteria to assess quality improvement ideas to move us closer to desired state to determine if the idea is feasible, desirable, ethical, sustainable and aligns with regional priorities. The Executive Partnership Group responsible for Our Regional Approach to Wellbeing have included the Director of Alcohol and Other Drugs for Metro North Health to the governance of the regional approach and ensure visible and committed discussion around alcohol and other drug concerns for the region.

Collaboration

This activity will be implemented by Brisbane North PHN, under the guidance of the Alcohol and Other Drugs (AoD) Collaborative This group explores quality improvement in the AOD sector, supporting engagement and collaboration.
Membership of this group is drawn from the Brisbane North region and includes Metro North Hospital and Health Service, Allied Health providers, Queensland Government agencies, the Queensland Network of Alcohol and Other Drug Agencies, Queensland Mental Health Commission, non PHN funded and PHN funded agencies, service users and families.
Ongoing conversations with the Provider, based on service delivery data and trends, have further refined and shaped service delivery.
The Queensland PHN AOD Network (QPAODN) collectively engages in policy discussions and advisory efforts at the state and individual PHN level to influence strategy and best practice that positively impact PHN's AOD commissioning, ensuring alignment with regional planning priorities and informed by evidence.

Activity Milestone Details/Duration

Activity Start Date

30/06/2016

Activity End Date

29/06/2027

Service Delivery Start Date

Service Delivery End Date

Other Relevant Milestones

Provide the following:
• Counselling
• Post-rehabilitation support and relapse prevention; and
• Case management, care planning and coordination
• Intake and assessment triage
• Day program/groups
• Face to face AOD counselling
• Case management and care coordination



Activity Commissioning

Please identify your intended procurement approach for commissioning services under this activity:

Not Yet Known: No
Continuing Service Provider / Contract Extension: Yes
Direct Engagement: No
Open Tender: No
Expression Of Interest (EOI): No
Other Approach (please provide details): No

Is this activity being co-designed?

No

Is this activity the result of a previous co-design process?

Yes

Do you plan to implement this Activity using co-commissioning or joint-commissioning arrangements?

No

Has this activity previously been co-commissioned or joint-commissioned?

No

Decommissioning

No

Decommissioning details?

N/A

Co-design or co-commissioning comments

Brisbane North PHN facilitated co-design workshops in April 2016 with key stakeholders, including representatives from the Hospital and Health Service, drug and alcohol service providers, mental health services, GPs, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled health services, allied health and pharmacy, service users, carers, and community members.

Key feedback from the co-design workshops confirmed priority populations and service types for AOD treatment services. Key recommendations made by stakeholders were to support and invest in existing services to build capacity and to link these services to other initiatives for a more coordinated service system to benefit the consumer.

However, ongoing consultation with the provider, based on service delivery data and trends, has further refined and shaped service delivery. There is ongoing consultation through LLW with participants, community representatives, referral partners, and the community of practice of clinical providers to ensure quality care is provided.
Additionally, program adjustments are informed by participant outcomes data and practice improvement processes to ensure the service remains responsive to client needs.

Is this activity in scope for data collection under the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services?

Yes



Activity Planned Expenditure

Planned Expenditure

Funding Stream	FY 24 25	FY 25 26	FY 26 27	FY 27 28	FY 28 29
NIAS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services Maintenance	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Core Drug and Alcohol and Operational	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Social and Community Services Award (SACS) Component	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Interest - Drug & Alcohol Treatment Services	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
NIAS Operational and Mainstream	$1,457,737.95	$1,506,251.05	$1,516,678.42	$0.00	$0.00

Totals

Funding Stream	FY 24 25	FY 25 26	FY 26 27	FY 27 28	FY 28 29	Total
NIAS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services Maintenance	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Core Drug and Alcohol and Operational	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Social and Community Services Award (SACS) Component	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Interest - Drug & Alcohol Treatment Services	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
NIAS Operational and Mainstream	$1,457,737.95	$1,506,251.05	$1,516,678.42	$0.00	$0.00	$4,480,667.42
Total	$1,457,737.95	$1,506,251.05	$1,516,678.42	$0.00	$0.00	$4,480,667.42

Funding From Other Sources - Financial Details

Funding From Other Sources - Organisational Details

Summary of activity changes for Department

Activity Status

Submitted

Subject	Description	Commented By	Date Created

AOD - 2200 - 2.2 - (NIAS Mainstream) Workforce: Improving services integration and system efficiency

Activity Metadata

Applicable Schedule *

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

Activity Prefix *

AOD

Activity Number *

2200

Activity Title *

2.2 - (NIAS Mainstream) Workforce: Improving services integration and system efficiency

Existing, Modified or New Activity *

Modified

Activity Priorities and Description

Program Key Priority Area *

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Other Program Key Priority Area Description

Aim of Activity *

Workforce development (WFD) in the AOD field aims to build the capacity of organisations and individuals to prevent and respond to AOD related problems and to promote evidence-based practice. It goes beyond the provision of education and training to include issues such as recruitment and retention, workforce planning, professional and career development and worker wellbeing. This program is workforce specific and its aim will be achieved by the development and implementation of a range of activities that support the AOD workforce in the Brisbane North PHN region.

These activities include a range of workforce training and development programs that will increase service integration and facilitate continuous quality improvement of the AOD workforce. The JRNA 2025-27 also highlights the need to respond to an ageing AOD workforce and increase staffing levels to meet growing service demands across the sector.

There is particular demand for the front-line specialist workforce in community services, and resources to support professional development and supervision in the workplace. The community sector is recognised as experiencing a shortage of skilled workers in an environment that has consistently high caseloads, with patients who have increasingly complex needs.

This activity aims to enhance service capacity, increase system integration and feed into further needs assessment and planning to address equity of access across the Brisbane North PHN region. It is achieved by the development and implementation of a range of activities that support the AOD workforce in the Brisbane North PHN region. These activities include a variety of workforce

training and development programs that increase service integration and facilitate continuous quality improvement of the AOD workforce.

Description of Activity *

This commissioned activity enables alignment of activities with our priorities for increasing service delivery capacity and improving integration of treatment services in the Brisbane North region. Networks and partnerships created under the previous funding allocation will be strengthened to provide direction and advice on system integration and workforce development in the sector.

THE QUEENSLAND NETWORK OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS AGENCIES LTD (QNADA) will coordinate and deliver sector-wide workforce development activities for commissioned AOD providers, including structured training to upskill staff across the contract period.
The program will support implementation of organisational readiness initiatives to strengthen inclusion of a lived and living experience workforce. QNADA will undertake investment mapping to provide clarity on the regional AOD service landscape and funding profile.

A minimum of four Communities of Practice will be facilitated annually to strengthen collaboration and shared practice across the sector. QNADA will also maintain and update the online AOD Service Finder twice yearly to ensure accurate and accessible service information for providers and the community.

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Brisbane North PHN will continue to commission QNADA to:

- Facilitate a minimum of four Communities of Practice annually for AOD practitioners and supervisors/team leaders to strengthen shared practice, peer learning, and cross-agency collaboration.

- Maintain and update the online AOD Service Finder twice yearly, including review, verification, and correction of service information to ensure accuracy and accessibility for referrers and the community.

- Consult with stakeholders and people with lived and living experience (PWLE) to develop a practical framework to support organisational readiness and engagement of a lived experience workforce within AOD services.

- Coordinate and implement targeted workforce training for commissioned providers, including identification of priority skill gaps, engagement of facilitators, delivery of training sessions, and collection of participant feedback.

- Work with Queensland Health to clarify AOD service taxonomy to improve consistency in service descriptions, reporting, and system navigation across the region.

Target Cohort: This activity is aimed at workers of all ages employed in the drug and alcohol and related health sectors, and as a follow on, the people who benefit from having skilled AOD professionals who maintain their skills and capabilities to address ongoing and evolving concerns in the alcohol and other drug sector.

Needs Assessment Priorities *

Needs Assessment

North Brisbane and Moreton Bay Joint Regional Needs Assessment 2025-27

Priorities

Priority	Page reference
Mental Health - Service Needs Level 1	3-5
Alcohol and other Drugs - Service Needs Level 1	4
Workforce - Health Needs Level 1	3



Activity Demographics

Target Population Cohort

Aimed at workers employed in the drug and alcohol and related health sectors, and people who benefit from having skilled AOD professionals who maintain their skills and capabilities to address ongoing and evolving concerns in the alcohol and other drug sector.

In Scope AOD Treatment Type *

N/A

Indigenous Specific *

No

Indigenous Specific Comments

Coverage

Whole Region

Yes

SA3 Name	SA3 Code
Brisbane Inner	30501
Sherwood - Indooroopilly	30403
Redcliffe	31305
Caboolture Hinterland	31303
The Gap - Enoggera	30404
The Hills District	31401
Kenmore - Brookfield - Moggill	30402
North Lakes	31402
Brisbane Inner - North	30503
Strathpine	31403
Sandgate	30204
Chermside	30202
Nundah	30203
Brisbane Inner - West	30504
Bald Hills - Everton Park	30201
Narangba - Burpengary	31304
Caboolture	31302
Bribie - Beachmere	31301



Activity Consultation and Collaboration

Consultation

Brisbane North PHN is currently co-commissioning the Joint Comprehensive Regional Plan with Metro North Hospital and Health Service to strengthen service integration, reduce duplication and fragmentation, enhance person-centred care, and support evidence-based decision-making to inform future policy and planning strategies.

In 2025, part of this collaborative regional planning applied human centred design criteria to assess quality improvement ideas to move us closer to desired state to determine if the idea is feasible, desirable, ethical, sustainable and aligns with regional priorities. The Executive Partnership Group responsible for Our Regional Approach to Wellbeing have included the Director of Alcohol and Other Drugs for Metro North Health to the governance of the regional approach and ensure visible and committed discussion around alcohol and other drug concerns for the region.

Collaboration

This commissioned activity will be implemented by Brisbane North PHN, under the guidance of the Alcohol and Other Drugs (AoD) Collaborative. This group explores quality improvement in the AOD sector, supporting engagement and collaboration. Membership of this group is drawn from the Brisbane North region and includes Metro North Hospital and Health Service, Allied Health providers, Queensland Government agencies, the Queensland Network of Alcohol and Other Drug Agencies, Queensland Mental Health Commission, non PHN funded and PHN funded agencies, service users and families.

Activity Milestone Details/Duration

Activity Start Date

30/06/2016

Activity End Date

29/06/2027

Service Delivery Start Date

Service Delivery End Date

Other Relevant Milestones

- Deliver four Communities of Practice for AOD practitioners and supervisors/team leaders to strengthen shared practice, peer learning, and cross-agency collaboration.

- Complete biannual review and update of the AOD Service Finder, ensuring service information is verified, accurate, and accessible.

- Develop and finalise a lived experience workforce readiness framework in consultation with stakeholders and people with lived and living experience (PWLE).

- Deliver targeted workforce development activities for commissioned providers, informed by identified skill gaps and evaluated through participant feedback.

- Establish a shared Queensland AOD service taxonomy with Queensland Health to support consistent service descriptions, reporting, and system navigation across the region.

Activity Commissioning

Please identify your intended procurement approach for commissioning services under this activity:

Not Yet Known: No
Continuing Service Provider / Contract Extension: Yes
Direct Engagement: No
Open Tender: No
Expression Of Interest (EOI): No
Other Approach (please provide details): No

Is this activity being co-designed?

No

Is this activity the result of a previous co-design process?

Yes

Do you plan to implement this Activity using co-commissioning or joint-commissioning arrangements?

No

Has this activity previously been co-commissioned or joint-commissioned?

No

Decommissioning

No

Decommissioning details?

N/A

Co-design or co-commissioning comments

In April 2016, Brisbane North PHN facilitated co-design workshops with key stakeholders, including representatives from the Hospital and Health Service, drug and alcohol service providers, mental health services, GPs, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled health services, allied health and pharmacy, service users, carers, and community members. Key feedback from the co-design workshops confirmed priority populations and service types for AOD treatment services.

Key recommendations made by stakeholders included supporting and investing in existing services to build capacity and linking these services to other initiatives for a more coordinated service system to benefit the consumer. This work is ongoing.

Is this activity in scope for data collection under the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services?

No



Activity Planned Expenditure

Planned Expenditure

Funding Stream	FY 24 25	FY 25 26	FY 26 27	FY 27 28	FY 28 29
NIAS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services Maintenance	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Core Drug and Alcohol and Operational	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Social and Community Services Award (SACS) Component	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Interest - Drug & Alcohol	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00

Treatment Services					
NIAS Operational and Mainstream	$137,786.50	$136,367.07	$137,311.07	$0.00	$0.00

Totals

Funding Stream	FY 24 25	FY 25 26	FY 26 27	FY 27 28	FY 28 29	Total
NIAS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services Maintenance	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Core Drug and Alcohol and Operational	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Social and Community Services Award (SACS) Component	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Interest - Drug & Alcohol Treatment Services	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
NIAS Operational and Mainstream	$137,786.50	$136,367.07	$137,311.07	$0.00	$0.00	$411,464.64
Total	$137,786.50	$136,367.07	$137,311.07	$0.00	$0.00	$411,464.64

Funding From Other Sources - Financial Details

Funding From Other Sources - Organisational Details

Summary of activity changes for Department

Activity Status

Submitted

Subject	Description	Commented By	Date Created

AOD - 3100 - 3.1 - (NIAS Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander) Commission AOD treatment services

Activity Metadata

Applicable Schedule *

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

Activity Prefix *

AOD

Activity Number *

3100

Activity Title *

3.1 - (NIAS Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander) Commission AOD treatment services

Existing, Modified or New Activity *

Modified

Activity Priorities and Description

Program Key Priority Area *

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Other Program Key Priority Area Description

Aim of Activity *

The aim of this activity is to increase the availability of AOD treatment services specifically to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
To achieve this aim, Brisbane North PHN will work collaboratively with a broad range of stakeholders to continue to commission AOD treatment services targeted to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The aim of this activity addresses equity of access issues for ADO treatment among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Brisbane North PHN region and provide integrated AOD services for Indigenous Australians so that their treatment needs can be met in a culturally safe manner that better connects individuals to a broader service system.

By supporting the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health, this activity aims to give funds back to community controlled organisations to facilitate Indigenous-led health services. It is achieved by the development and implementation of a range of activities that support the AOD workforce in the Brisbane North PHN region.
These activities include a variety of workforce training and development programs that increase service integration and facilitate continuous quality improvement of the AOD workforce.

The overarching objectives of the Drug and Alcohol Program are to:
*Support drug and alcohol treatment services across Australia to reduce the impact of substance misuse on individuals, families,

carers and communities. *Support prevention and early intervention activities and promote evidence-based information about drug and alcohol through education. *Support the development of drug and alcohol data to support evidence-based treatment national policy and service delivery. *Support service linkages between drug and alcohol treatment services and mental health services, as well as with social, educational and vocational long-term support services.

Description of Activity *

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are experiencing high levels of problematic Drug and Alcohol use and there is a need for a whole of region integrated and coordinated response.
The Brisbane North PHN Health Needs Assessment determined that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are priority populations that need priority support and resourcing.
Brisbane North PHN will continue to commission IUIH to deliver a range of in-scope drug and alcohol treatment services including:

1. Identification, Screening & Assessment

• Identification of clients with intersecting needs, particularly those with co-occurring substance use and mental illness

• Routine drug and alcohol screening and brief intervention in primary and community care settings

2. Therapeutic and Clinical Interventions

• Psychological and psychosocial activities to support the treatment of clients with intersecting needs

• Culturally responsive therapeutic interventions and services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants

Deliver strengths-based therapeutic interventions that build on the goals, preferences, cultural strengths and existing supports of individuals, families and groups experiencing or at risk of drug and/or alcohol-related harm.

• Drug and alcohol outreach support before and/or after residential rehabilitation for high-risk dependent individuals

3. Care Coordination and Case Management

• Support for clients to access appropriate psychological measures as part of a care coordination process

• Implementation of appropriate structures and processes for case management and referral

• Maintaining a team in each participating community-controlled health service for the treatment of clients with mental health and/or alcohol-related issues

4. Workforce Support and Clinical Governance

• Clinical supervision to social health staff

• Facilitation of ongoing professional development for staff

• Developing relationships with other agencies to enhance service capacity and support clients throughout their treatment journey

This activity is also delivered in other PHN regions. By all of IUIH member services across South east Qld.

Overall drug and alcohol treatment services will also include:
• Intake and Assessment

• Early intervention
• Counselling
• Post-rehabilitation support and relapse prevention
• Case management, care planning and coordination.
• Conducting regular Communities of Practice (Practitioner, Supervisor/Team Leader) - at least 4 per annum
• Maintenance of QNADA's alcohol and other drugs treatment service finder (twice-yearly updating and review)
• Consulting with stakeholders and PWLE to devise a framework for organisational engagement with the AOD LE workforce.
• Facilitating the implementation of training to upskill staff of commissioned providers Working with QH to clarify taxonomy In Brisbane North PHN's broader needs assessment and broader activity work plan, the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people was highlighted.

Similarly, in the PHN's Mental Health and Suicide Prevention needs assessment and activity work plan, the needs of this population were highlighted and separately identified. In delivering this activity, integration with these other activities will occur. The commissioned service provider will provide a range of in-scope treatment activities as part of an integrated social and emotional health and wellbeing approach. This includes improved psychological health and social functioning for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people attending due to problematic substance use.

Target Cohort:
Aimed at workers employed in the drug and alcohol and related health sectors, and the people who benefit from having skilled AOD professionals who maintain their skills and capabilities to address ongoing and evolving concerns in the alcohol and other drug sector.

Needs Assessment Priorities *

Needs Assessment

North Brisbane and Moreton Bay Joint Regional Needs Assessment 2025-27

Priorities

Priority	Page reference
Mental Health - Service Needs Level 1	3-5
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health - Health Needs Level 1	2-3
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health - Service Needs Level 1	3,5
Alcohol and other Drugs - Service Needs Level 1	4
Mental Health - Health Needs Level 1	2



Activity Demographics

Target Population Cohort

Aimed at workers employed in the drug and alcohol and related health sectors, and the people who benefit from having skilled AOD professionals who maintain their skills and capabilities to address ongoing and evolving concerns in the alcohol and other drug sector.

In Scope AOD Treatment Type *

• Identification of participants with intersecting needs, particularly co-occurring substance use and mental illness
• Psychological and psychosocial activities to support the treatment of participants with intersecting needs
• Maintaining a team in each participating community controlled health service for the treatment of participants with mental health and/or alcohol related issues
• Clinical supervision to social health staff
• Culturally responsive therapeutic interventions and services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients
• Support for clients to access appropriate psychological measures as part of a care coordination process
• Implementation of appropriate structures and processes for case management and referral
• Routine drug and alcohol screening and brief intervention in primary and community care settings
• Deliver strengths-based cognitive behavioural therapeutic interventions that build on social therapy tailored to the goals, needs and preferences, cultural strengths and existing supports of high-risk individuals, families and groups experiencing or at risk of drug and/or alcohol-related harm.
• Drug and alcohol outreach support before and/or after residential rehabilitation for high-risk dependent individuals.

Indigenous Specific *

Yes

Indigenous Specific Comments

The Institute for Urban Indigenous Health (IUIH) is an active participant on the Alcohol and Other Drug Partnership Group which provides guidance around the implementation of activities.

Coverage

Whole Region

No

SA3 Name	SA3 Code
Redcliffe	31305
Caboolture Hinterland	31303
The Hills District	31401
North Lakes	31402
Strathpine	31403
Nundah	30203
Narangba - Burpengary	31304
Caboolture	31302
Bribie - Beachmere	31301



Activity Consultation and Collaboration

Consultation

Brisbane North PHN co-commissioned the Joint Comprehensive Regional Plan with Metro North Hospital and Health Service to strengthen service integration, reduce duplication and fragmentation, enhance person-centred care, and support evidence-based decision-making to inform future policy and planning strategies.
In 2025, part of this collaborative regional planning applied human centred design criteria to assess quality improvement ideas to move us closer to desired state to determine if the idea is feasible, desirable, ethical, sustainable and aligns with regional

priorities. The Executive Partnership Group responsible for Our Regional Approach to Wellbeing have included the Director of Alcohol and Other Drugs for Metro North Health to the governance of the regional approach and ensure visible and committed discussion around alcohol and other drug concerns for the region.

Collaboration

This commissioned activity will be implemented by Brisbane North PHN, under the guidance of the Alcohol and Other Drugs (AoD) Collaborative.

This group explores quality improvement in the AOD sector, supporting engagement and collaboration. Membership of this group is drawn from the Brisbane North region and includes Metro North Hospital and Health Service, Allied Health providers, Queensland Government agencies, the Queensland Network of Alcohol and Other Drug Agencies, Queensland Mental Health Commission, non PHN funded and PHN funded agencies, service users and families.

The Institute for Urban Indigenous Health (IUIH) works in close partnership with its network of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Health Services
- ATSICHS Brisbane, Kalwun, Moreton ATSICHS, Yulu-Burri-Ba, and the Pamela Mam Health Centre
- to deliver integrated, culturally safe primary health care across South East Queensland.

Through this network of more than 20 clinics, IUIH connects clients to GPs, nurses, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers, allied health, dental, mental health, AOD services, disability supports, and family wellbeing programs.



Activity Milestone Details/Duration

Activity Start Date

30/06/2016

Activity End Date

29/06/2027

Service Delivery Start Date

Service Delivery End Date

Other Relevant Milestones

- Intake and Assessment
- Early intervention
- Counselling
- Post-rehabilitation support and relapse prevention
- Case management, care planning and coordination.
- Conducting regular Communities of Practice (Practitioner, Supervisor/Team Leader) - at least 4 per annum
- Maintenance of QNADA's alcohol and other drugs treatment service finder (twice-yearly updating and review)
- Consulting with stakeholders and PWLE to devise a framework for organisational engagement with the AOD LE workforce.

• Facilitating the implementation of training to upskill staff of commissioned providers Working with QH to clarify taxonomy In Brisbane North PHN's broader needs assessment and broader activity work plan, the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people was highlighted.



Activity Commissioning

Please identify your intended procurement approach for commissioning services under this activity:

Not Yet Known: No
Continuing Service Provider / Contract Extension: Yes
Direct Engagement: No
Open Tender: No
Expression Of Interest (EOI): No
Other Approach (please provide details): No

Is this activity being co-designed?

No

Is this activity the result of a previous co-design process?

Yes

Do you plan to implement this Activity using co-commissioning or joint-commissioning arrangements?

No

Has this activity previously been co-commissioned or joint-commissioned?

No

Decommissioning

No

Decommissioning details?

N/A

Co-design or co-commissioning comments

Is this activity in scope for data collection under the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services?

Yes



Activity Planned Expenditure

Planned Expenditure

Funding Stream	FY 24 25	FY 25 26	FY 26 27	FY 27 28	FY 28 29
NIAS Operational and Mainstream	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services Maintenance	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Core Drug and Alcohol and Operational	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Social and Community Services Award (SACS) Component	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Interest - Drug & Alcohol Treatment Services	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
NIAS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People	$432,484.04	$445,846.97	$447,840.83	$0.00	$0.00

Totals

Funding Stream	FY 24 25	FY 25 26	FY 26 27	FY 27 28	FY 28 29	Total
NIAS Operational and Mainstream	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services Maintenance	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Core Drug and Alcohol and Operational	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Social and Community Services Award (SACS) Component	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Interest - Drug & Alcohol Treatment Services	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
NIAS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People	$432,484.04	$445,846.97	$447,840.83	$0.00	$0.00	$1,326,171.84

Total	$432,484.04	$445,846.97	$447,840.83	$0.00	$0.00	$1,326,171.84

Funding From Other Sources - Financial Details

Funding From Other Sources - Organisational Details

Summary of activity changes for Department

Activity Status

Submitted

Subject	Description	Commented By	Date Created

AOD - 3200 - 3.2 - (NIAS Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander) Commission AOD treatment services - Operational

Activity Metadata

Applicable Schedule *

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

Activity Prefix *

AOD

Activity Number *

3200

Activity Title *

3.2 - (NIAS Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander) Commission AOD treatment services - Operational

Existing, Modified or New Activity *

New Activity

Activity Priorities and Description

Program Key Priority Area *

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Other Program Key Priority Area Description

Aim of Activity *

Operational activity

Description of Activity *

Operational activity

Needs Assessment Priorities *

Needs Assessment

North Brisbane and Moreton Bay Joint Regional Needs Assessment 2025-27

Priorities

Priority	Page reference
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health - Health Needs Level 1	2-3
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health -	3,5

Service Needs Level 1	



Activity Demographics

Target Population Cohort

Operational activity

In Scope AOD Treatment Type *

Operational activity

Indigenous Specific *

Yes

Indigenous Specific Comments

Operational activity

Coverage

Whole Region

Yes



Activity Consultation and Collaboration

Consultation

Operational activity

Collaboration

Operational activity



Activity Milestone Details/Duration

Activity Start Date

30/06/2016

Activity End Date

29/06/2027

Service Delivery Start Date

Service Delivery End Date

Other Relevant Milestones



Activity Commissioning

Please identify your intended procurement approach for commissioning services under this activity:

Not Yet Known: No
Continuing Service Provider / Contract Extension: No
Direct Engagement: No
Open Tender: No
Expression Of Interest (EOI): No
Other Approach (please provide details): No

Is this activity being co-designed?

Is this activity the result of a previous co-design process?

Do you plan to implement this Activity using co-commissioning or joint-commissioning arrangements?

Has this activity previously been co-commissioned or joint-commissioned?

Decommissioning

Decommissioning details?

Co-design or co-commissioning comments



Activity Planned Expenditure

Planned Expenditure

Funding Stream	FY 24 25	FY 25 26	FY 26 27	FY 27 28	FY 28 29
NIAS Operational and Mainstream	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services Maintenance	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Core Drug and Alcohol and Operational	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Interest - Drug & Alcohol Treatment Services	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
NIAS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People	$0.00	$0.00	$28,585.58	$0.00	$0.00

Totals

Funding Stream	FY 24 25	FY 25 26	FY 26 27	FY 27 28	FY 28 29	Total
NIAS Operational and Mainstream	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services Maintenance	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Core Drug and Alcohol and Operational	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Interest - Drug & Alcohol Treatment Services	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
NIAS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People	$0.00	$0.00	$28,585.58	$0.00	$0.00	$28,585.58
Total	$0.00	$0.00	$28,585.58	$0.00	$0.00	$28,585.58

Funding From Other Sources - Financial Details

Funding From Other Sources - Organisational Details



Summary of activity changes for Department

Activity Status

Submitted

Subject	Description	Commented By	Date Created

AOD-Op - 1000 - AOD - Operational

Activity Metadata

Applicable Schedule *

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

Activity Prefix *

AOD-Op

Activity Number *

1000

Activity Title *

AOD - OPERATIONAL

Existing, Modified or New Activity *

Existing

Activity Priorities and Description

Program Key Priority Area *

Other Program Key Priority Area Description

Aim of Activity *

Description of Activity *

Needs Assessment Priorities *

Needs Assessment

Priorities



Activity Demographics

Target Population Cohort

In Scope AOD Treatment Type *

Indigenous Specific *

Indigenous Specific Comments

Coverage

Whole Region



Activity Consultation and Collaboration

Consultation

Collaboration



Activity Milestone Details/Duration

Activity Start Date

Activity End Date

Service Delivery Start Date

Service Delivery End Date

Other Relevant Milestones

Activity Commissioning

Please identify your intended procurement approach for commissioning services under this activity:

Not Yet Known: No
Continuing Service Provider / Contract Extension: No
Direct Engagement: No
Open Tender: No
Expression Of Interest (EOI): No
Other Approach (please provide details): No

Is this activity being co-designed?

Is this activity the result of a previous co-design process?

Do you plan to implement this Activity using co-commissioning or joint-commissioning arrangements?

Has this activity previously been co-commissioned or joint-commissioned?

Decommissioning

Decommissioning details?

Co-design or co-commissioning comments

Activity Planned Expenditure

Planned Expenditure

Funding Stream	FY 24 25	FY 25 26	FY 26 27	FY 27 28	FY 28 29
Interest - Drug & Alcohol Treatment Services	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00

Drug & Alcohol - Operational	$546,522.89	$438,372.86	$377,190.37	$0.00	$0.00

Totals

Funding Stream	FY 24 25	FY 25 26	FY 26 27	FY 27 28	FY 28 29	Total
Interest - Drug & Alcohol Treatment Services	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Drug & Alcohol - Operational	$546,522.89	$438,372.86	$377,190.37	$0.00	$0.00	$1,362,086.12
Total	$546,522.89	$438,372.86	$377,190.37	$0.00	$0.00	$1,362,086.12

Funding From Other Sources - Financial Details

Funding From Other Sources - Organisational Details

Summary of activity changes for Department

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