Thankyou for your contribution to the Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Workshop



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Update to all attendees of the Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Trial Workshop, August 2018.



Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Trial

Thank you for attending the Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention workshop on 10 August 2018, and particularly for your contribution on the day.

Recap

The Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Trial is one of 12 trials across the state seeking to improve outcomes for people at risk of suicide. Primary Health Networks, in collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services, are leading place-based trials based on an evidence-based methodology – the LifeSpan Model – that is informed by local understanding of environmental and social nuances.

The trial is aimed at identifying projects and actions that are appropriately pitched to respond to these local nuances and need, with a focus on building capacity and improving the service system.

Results from the Workshop

The workshop was well attended with representation from a broad range of local stakeholders. The workshop's purpose was to gain a shared understanding of the issues facing the Macedon Ranges, what role we each play, what can be achieved if we work together, what are the areas of important focus and how we move together to bring about change.

Discussions on the day included shared interests, sharing knowledge of current activities and investments with participants later splitting into different tables for talks around the four themes of:

- Community capacity building and support
- The system
- Workforce training and development
- Long term prevention

The workshop also invited attendees to voice their uncertainties, concerns and frustrations regarding the trial to date. These frank discussions are helping us to find better ways to progress the work. Questions were tabled in relation to governance, broader health funding and the financial parameters of the trial. The day's work was captured in the attached graphics which provide a rich illustration of the discussions and shared thinking.

Next steps

NWMPHN are now in the process of meeting individually with key stakeholders to progress the four identified streams of work. These discussions will:

- identify and prioritise actions;
- scope projects; and
- identify lead agencies to deliver on new actions and projects.

We are committed to improved outcomes for the people of the Macedon Ranges community. We thank you again for your commitment to reducing the suicide toll and look forward to continuing to work with you on this groundbreaking trial. We will keep you updated regularly.

Yours sincerely

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Further Information

Action Plan 2017-2020

A Draft Action Plan has been developed for Macedon Ranges and for Brimbank Melton Trial Sites. These are working documents specific to each Trial Site.

Contact Melissa Knight for a copy of the most recent action plan. on melissa.knight@nwmphn.org.au

www.nwmphn.org.au/priority-area-topic/ place-based-suicide-intervention/

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