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## CAREinMIND Intensive Support Service now in Moorabool, Melton and Hobsons Bay



CAREinMIND Intensive Support Services are now available in Moorabool, Melton and Hobsons Bay, providing support for people who have severe and complex mental illness and who are unable to afford or are ineligible for other services.

The expansion means the Intensive Support Service can be accessed by people aged over 16 across the entire North Western Melbourne Primary Health Network region.

The Intensive Support Service ensures credentialed mental health nurses, working in collaboration with general practitioners and psychiatrists, are available to support clinical mental health care, medication management and care coordination.

NWMPHN CEO Adjunct Associate Professor Christopher Carter said our CAREinMIND Intensive Support Service provides crucial support for people who need a more intensive level of care, but don't require or aren't eligible for hospital-based mental health services.

"The fact that the Intensive Support Service will now be available in all of our 13 local government areas is a huge achievement," A/Prof Carter said.

"The service is an integral component to our CAREinMIND stepped model of care ensuring mental health services are widely available and flexible for those that need it most."

To find out more about the service or to refer, visit NWMPHN's [System of Care webpage](#).

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