

## \$900k for alcohol and other drug support for diverse communities



North Western Melbourne Primary Health Network (NWMPHN) is committing \$900,000 towards a model of care to help young people from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) backgrounds receive culturally responsive, family-centred alcohol and drug support.

NWMPHN CEO Adjunct Associate Professor Christopher Carter said the model of care needs to be able to connect with young CALD people and their families, amid growing concern young people from CALD communities aren't able to access culturally responsive care when they need it.

"Alcohol misuse continues to cause serious health and social harms across our region, and rising cannabis and methamphetamine use is also causing great concern to health providers and local communities," A/Prof Christopher Carter said.

"However, CALD communities are significantly under-represented in the alcohol and other drug (AOD) system, with a range of service barriers and socio-cultural norms making it difficult for individuals and families to access treatment."

A new tender, worth \$900,000 over two years, seeks local service providers to address the difficulties young people face in accessing culturally appropriate AOD treatment services, mental health services and other forms of support.

A partnership approach is sought to provide an integrated response that increases community understanding of the issues and improves access to culturally safe services.

Applicants are encouraged to submit innovative tenders that will deliver a model of care that meets the tender criteria. This project will commence in late June 2019 and will continue until June 30 2021.

All applicants will need to register and apply through Tenderlink:  
Visit <https://www.tenderlink.com/mpcn/>

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