North Western Melbourne - PHN - Congenital Syphilis Prevention Program
2026/27 - 2029/30
Activity Summary View

CSPP - 1 - Commissioning Congenital Syphilis Prevention Program 2026/2027

Activity Metadata

Applicable Schedule *

PHN - Congenital Syphilis Prevention Program

Activity Prefix *

CSPP

Activity Number *

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Activity Title *

Commissioning Congenital Syphilis Prevention Program 2026/2027

Existing, Modified or New Activity *

New Activity

Activity Priorities and Description

Program Key Priority Area *

Population Health

Other Program Key Priority Area Description

Aim of Activity *

To reduce cases of congenital syphilis by improving access to antenatal care that includes syphilis testing and treatment, including testing and treatment of partners where appropriate, so that syphilis infections are diagnosed and treated and transmission to babies is prevented.

Description of Activity *

The proposed model of care is being developed through a consultation process involving local Western Public Health Unit (WPHU), the Victorian Department of Health, Western Health and community health providers. These stakeholders will form a Program Working Group to guide program design, implementation and continuous improvement.

The program will adopt a place-based outreach approach across Melton and/or Brimbank. These LGAs have been identified and informed by local data as having the highest rates Syphilis, with the final geographical focus informed through the consultation. The target cohort will be vulnerable populations, who are not engaged in antenatal care

The model will focus on proactive outreach to vulnerable populations who including populations experiencing vulnerabilities such as family violence, alcohol and other drug use, housing instability and barriers to accessing healthcare. identify Outreach activities will support testing and referral into antenatal care. This will be complemented by an approach to strengthening coordination between general practice, community health services, public health units, maternity services and relevant social support services to be able to respond to these patients on an ongoing basis.

Monitoring and Evaluation
A monitoring and evaluation framework will be developed in partnership with the Program Working Group to assess the effectiveness, appropriateness, reach, implementation and value for money of the model of care. This group will determine performance measures, data requirements and reporting arrangements aligned with the Grant Opportunity Guidelines. The evaluation framework may include process and outcome measures focused on service, testing uptake, engagement of priority populations, linkage to antenatal care and stakeholder collaboration.

Needs Assessment Priorities *

Needs Assessment

NWMPHN Needs Assessment 2025-2028

Priorities

Priority	Page reference
Primary health care - Increase access to flexible models of care to improve reach to at-risk cohorts (6.1.4)	190
Health conditions - Increase access to early intervention health programs to reduce the burden of chronic diseases and preventable deaths (4.2.1)	186

Activity Demographics

Target Population Cohort

The target population includes pregnant people and people who may become pregnant who are experiencing complex social factors and barriers to accessing antenatal care, including but not limited to: people experiencing domestic and family violence; people experiencing homelessness; culturally and linguistically diverse communities, including migrants and refugees; people affected by alcohol and other drug use; and people who are incarcerated or have a history of incarceration. Partners of people diagnosed with syphilis are also in scope where partner testing and treatment is appropriate.

In Scope AOD Treatment Type *

Indigenous Specific *

No

Indigenous Specific Comments

Coverage

Whole Region

No

SA3 Name	SA3 Code
Brimbank	21301
Melton - Bacchus Marsh	21304



Activity Consultation and Collaboration

Consultation

NWMPHN will consult with local Public Health Units, the Victorian Department of Health, Western Health, community health providers and tertiary clinical experts to inform the design and implementation of the program. Consultation will continue through the co-design process to confirm the community setting, final geographical focus across Melton and/or Brimbank, scope of services, target cohort, referral pathways, outreach approach, performance measures and reporting requirements.NWMPHN will consult with local stakeholders to inform the commissioning and implementation of the model of care, including prospective commissioned service providers, services experienced in working with targeted vulnerable populations, relevant community organisations, and where appropriate, consumers and community representatives. Consultation will focus on understanding local access barriers, service gaps, community sensitivities, cultural safety considerations, and opportunities to leverage existing service infrastructure.

Collaboration

A multidisciplinary approach will be established to provide governance oversight and ensure alignment with local public health priorities, existing referral pathways and service-system responses. Membership is expected to include representatives from:

- Local Public Health Units
- Victorian Department of Health
- Western Health
- Community health providers operating in Melton and Brimbank
- Primary care
- Sexual health and infectious diseases specialists
- Antenatal and maternity care providers
- Other relevant clinical and community sector experts

The Working Group will guide program design and implementation and review monitoring and evaluation findings as required.



Activity Milestone Details/Duration

Activity Start Date

10/06/2026

Activity End Date

29/06/2027

Service Delivery Start Date

To commence following completion of commissioning and establishment of contracted service arrangemen

Service Delivery End Date

30/06/2027

Other Relevant Milestones



Activity Commissioning

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

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

Is this activity being co-designed?

Yes

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?

Yes

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

No

Decommissioning

No

Decommissioning details?

N/a

Co-design or co-commissioning comments

The activity will include targeted consultation and service design input from commissioned providers, relevant stakeholders and, where appropriate, community representatives or people with lived experience of barriers to antenatal care. This will support a fit-for-purpose model that is responsive to local population needs, culturally safe, trauma-informed and aligned with existing local service pathways.

CSPP-Admin - 1 - Administration Congenital Syphilis Prevention Program 2026/2027

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CSPP-Admin

Activity Number *

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Administration Congenital Syphilis Prevention Program 2026/2027

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Decommissioning details?

Co-design or co-commissioning comments