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NSW Ministry of Health

The Ministry has announced that as of 1 July 2016 the drug and alcohol program will move from the Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Office to the Centre for Population Health (CPH). NADA has started building new relations with CPH around future management of the NGO grants program and the role of our specialist NGO AOD sector, as well as working together on standardising performance measures.

Commonwealth Department of Health

You should now have received your Deeds of Variation from the Department of Health for NGOTGP and SMDSGF to 30 June 2017. Please note the short turnaround time to sign and return to the Department by 28 April 2016. NADA and the state and territory peaks are continuing to work closely, at the Ministerial and Departmental level, on the future of Commonwealth funding.

Primary Health Networks

Primary Health Networks (PHNs) have now submitted their needs assessments to the Commonwealth for consideration, with their AOD Plans due in May 2016. NADA has provided the PHNs with a planning tool for commissioning NGO AOD treatment services in NSW. We encourage members to engage in consultations with your local PHNs to inform their planning. Commissioning of the \$241m announced as part of the National Ice Action Plan will commence from 1 July 2016, with the intention of NGOTGP and SMDSGF to move to PHNs from 1 July 2017. NADA is working closely with both PHNs and the Commonwealth on how these funds will be transferred.

For more information: [Commonwealth PHN Updates](#) and [NSW PHN consultation updates](#).

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