

## December 2016

### NSW Ministry of Health

At the NADA AGM, the Ministry announced that all current NSW Health contracts will be continued past 1 July 2017 for at least one year, with some organisations moving into 2–3 year contracts, following an assessment process.

The following outlines the Ministry's key reform milestones for 2017/18:

- *From 1 July 2017, NSW Health will enter into longer term funding agreements (2–3 years) with organisations assessed as suitable.*
- *For grants funded through to June 2018, NSW Health will continue to work with NGOs to strengthen their alignment with the Alcohol & Other Drugs Strategic Plan and other service delivery priorities. In some cases, work may include service mapping exercises, stakeholder consultations and/or program evaluations.*
- *Work will also continue on consolidating and enhancing KPIs, reporting requirements and service monitoring frameworks.*

The full communique is available on the [NADA website](#).

### Commonwealth Department of Health

NADA has been working closely with the AOD Peaks Network, Primary Health Networks (PHNs), the Drug Strategy Branch at the Department of Health, as well as the NSW/ACT Office of the Department of Health to advocate on behalf of members funded under NGOTGP and SMSDGF. We appreciate that current extensions are only until 30 June 2017, and we are seeking communication on the Australian Government's intentions for these funds. We have highlighted the impact that any changes to existing funding may have on consumers, the workforce, as well as on continuity of service delivery and organisational sustainability.

### Primary Health Networks

Whilst at different stages, most PHNs are now very much in the process of commissioning AOD treatment, with contracts for the delivery of new or enhanced services underway or being negotiated. NADA is in regular contact with NSW PHNs and has been communicating the announcement of new tenders or consultation opportunities to our members. As a new approach to funding AOD services, we encourage you to contact us if you would like to discuss any of the commissioning processes.

### For more information

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