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Vaccination of NGO healthcare workers

The most up-to-date information is the NSW Health website [here](#), along with a frequently asked questions (FAQ) page, which will be updated regularly.

Did you miss the legal Q&A webinar for health funded NGOs?

The meeting recording is [here](#). Access passcode: cPa9F.XU

Justice Connect, Not-for-profit Law has a number of resources on vaccination [here](#).

You can also apply for [free legal advice here](#).

Member support

FREE risk assessment webinar

This half-day seminar will assist members develop the risk assessment processes needed as we transition out of lockdown—plus support you to meet your contract obligations with DCJ and manage the risks of service provision. Two sessions are available. More information [here](#).

Social Sector Transformation Fund (SSTF): Free advisory and information services

Find out about how your service can access these free services [here](#).

Social Sector Support Fund (SSSF)

The \$50 million SSSF aims to help these organisations continue to deliver services and retain their workforce. To register for the grant please follow this [link](#). Registrations extended to **13 October 2021**.

Department of Health updates

One year extension to Departmental funded services

In September 2021, Minister Hunt approved a one year extension for all organisations directly funded by the Department until 30 June 2023, including peak bodies, and residential rehabilitation and withdrawal management services. This will allow time for the department to adequately consult with the sector regarding future funding arrangements beyond this date.

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services Maintenance Measure (DATSM)

As you are aware, DATSM will replace funding previously provided through Social and Community Services (SACS) Wages Supplementation payments as per the Budget announcement. All AOD treatment services that previously received SACS supplement funding are eligible to receive funding through DATSM. DATSM funds will be distributed at the same level as 2020–21 SACS supplement funding amounts. For example, if a service was eligible for \$50,000 in SACS supplement payments in 2020–21, they will receive \$50,000 in 2021–22 and \$50,000 in 2022–23.

Recommencement of Indexation

Indexation for eligible AOD services will recommence this financial year following the cessation of previous measures which paused indexation on specific funding streams, including the Drug and Alcohol Program. The Wage Cost Index (WC1) rates have been used to determine the indexation funding amounts.

The Department is currently working through the process of providing all of this funding to eligible organisations through Deeds of Variation. It is anticipated that these variations will be offered by the end of the calendar year.

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