

Reimagining Queensland's approach to mental health and wellbeing

The Queensland Mental Health Commission is currently renewing the state's mental health, alcohol and other drugs strategic plan. To guide this task, throughout 2017 the commission asked stakeholders across Queensland to have their say about what should be considered in developing the plan.

Stakeholders shared what they thought was working well in the system, and what wasn't, and where to refocus efforts to have greatest impact. The commission reported that time and again stakeholders called for:

- A greater focus on prevention and early intervention
- Growth and expansion of the community mental health sector
- Growth and expansion of the alcohol and other drugs sector
- Meaningful engagement of people with lived experience and their families and carers equal partners
- Services and initiatives tailored to effectively meet the need of diverse population groups
- A system arranged around people
- Better access to services
- Increased social inclusion, reduced stigma and discrimination.

The commission is now working with key stakeholders to finalise the Strategic Plan and mechanisms for implementation.

For further information about the renewal of the Strategic Plan visit the Commission's website at www.qmhc.qld.gov.au