

Implementation Plan for the Early Intervention Pilot Program

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ON HEALTH SERVICES

PRELIMINARIES

1. This Implementation Plan is created subject to the provisions of the **National Partnership Agreement on Health Services** and should be read in conjunction with that Agreement. The objective in the National Partnership is to improve the health and wellbeing of Australians through delivering high quality health services.
2. The Australian Government's National Binge Drinking Strategy provides \$103.5 million for a range of measures aimed at addressing binge drinking among young people. The measures include the allocation of \$19.1 million to intervene earlier to assist young people and ensure that they assume personal responsibility for their binge drinking. The Early Intervention Pilot Program (EIPP) aims to support early intervention and diversion programs to get young people under the age of 18 years who have been intercepted by police back on track before more serious alcohol-related problems emerge.
3. The EIPP National Framework was endorsed by the Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy on 24 April 2009.

TERMS OF THIS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

4. This Implementation Plan will commence as soon as it is agreed between the Commonwealth of Australia, represented by the Minister for Health and Ageing, the Hon Nicola Roxon MP and the State of New South Wales, represented by the Minister for Police.
5. This Implementation Plan will cease on completion of the project as specified in this Implementation Plan, including the acceptance of final performance reporting and processing of final payments against performance benchmarks specified in this Implementation Plan.
6. This Implementation Plan may be varied by written agreement between the Ministers or the authorised delegates.
7. Either Party may terminate this agreement by providing 30 days notice in writing. Where this Implementation Plan is terminated, the Commonwealth's liability to make payments to the State is limited to payments associated with performance benchmarks achieved by the State by the date of effect of termination of this Implementation Plan.
8. The Parties to this Implementation Plan do not intend any of the provisions to be legally enforceable. However, that does not lessen the Parties' commitment to this Implementation Plan.

PROJECT OBJECTIVE

9. The objective of the New South Wales (NSW) EIPP is for the New South Wales Police Force ('the NSW Police Force') to provide early intervention and diversion programs for young people under the age of 18 years at risk of developing alcohol-related problems and facilitating therapeutic responses to address alcohol use. The NSW Police Force will use the existing NSW 'Your Choice' model as a base, to establish a stable and systematic process in the NSW Police Force, consistent with the principles of the National EIPP Framework.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Role of the Commonwealth

10. The Commonwealth is responsible for reviewing the State's performance against the project benchmarks specified in this Implementation Plan and providing any consequential financial contribution to the State for that performance.

Role of the State

11. The State is responsible for all aspects of project implementation, including:
 - (a) fully funding the project, after accounting for financial contributions from the Commonwealth and any third party;
 - (b) completing the project in a timely and professional manner in accordance with this Implementation Plan and the principles of the National EIPP Framework; and
 - (c) meeting all conditions including providing reports in accordance with this Implementation Plan.

PERFORMANCE BENCHMARKS AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

12. The maximum financial contribution to be provided by the Commonwealth for the project is \$1,346,801 payable in accordance with performance benchmarks set out in Table 1. GST is not payable on the funding provided in this Implementation Plan.

Table 1: Performance benchmarks and associated payments

Performance benchmark	Due date	Amount
(i) Agreement by the Commonwealth to a EIPP project proposal outlining activities to be undertaken by NSW to achieve the project objective	Expected by 30 May 2011	\$500,000
(ii) Acceptance by the Commonwealth of Progress Report 1 demonstrating progress toward achievement of the deliverables outlined in the NSW EIPP project proposal.	Expected by 31 October 2011	\$500,000
(iii) Acceptance by the Commonwealth of Progress Report 2 demonstrating achievement of deliverables outlined in the NSW EIPP project proposal	Expected by 31 March 2012	\$125,000
(iv) Acceptance by the Commonwealth of the Final Progress Report	Expected by 31 Jan 2013	\$221,801

Notes:

13. Any Commonwealth financial contribution payable will be processed by the Commonwealth Treasury and paid to the State Treasury in accordance with the payment arrangements set out in Schedule D of the *Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations*.

BUDGET

14. The overall project budget is set out in Table 2.

Table 2: Overall project budget

(\$)	Year 1	Year 2	Total
(v) Agreement by the Commonwealth to a EIPP project proposal outlining activities to be undertaken by NSW to achieve the project objective	500,000	–	500,000
(vi) Acceptance by the Commonwealth of Progress Report 1 demonstrating progress toward achievement of the deliverables outlined in the NSW EIPP project proposal.	–	500,000	500,000
(vii) Acceptance by the Commonwealth of Progress Report 2 demonstrating achievement of deliverables outlined in the NSW EIPP project proposal	–	125,000	125,000
(viii) Acceptance by the Commonwealth of the Final Progress Report	–	221,801	221,801
Total estimated project budget	500,000	846,801	1,346,801

Notes: Nil

15. Having regard to the estimated cost of the project specified in the overall project budget, the State will not be required to pay a refund to the Commonwealth if the actual cost of the project is less than the agreed estimated cost of the project. Similarly, the State bears all risk should the

costs of a project exceed the estimated costs. The Parties acknowledge that this arrangement provides the maximum incentive for the State to deliver projects cost-effectively and efficiently.

REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

16. The State will provide project reports to the Commonwealth to demonstrate its achievement of performance benchmarks set out in Table 1.
17. Project reports will contain the following information:
 - a) a description of actual performance of the State in the period to date against the performance benchmarks and project budget;
 - b) promotional activities undertaken in relation to, and media coverage of, the project during the reporting period;
 - c) a description of the work that will be undertaken to complete the remaining performance benchmarks and any expected promotional opportunities during the next reporting period; and
 - d) data relating to:

KPI	DESCRIPTION
1.	The number of persons initially approached through the EIPP
2.	The number of information cards distributed
3.	The number of young people referred to alcohol education via the EIPP
4.	Compliance rates of those referred to alcohol education
5.	Number of places made available and waiting period

18. The final project report is due within 60 Business Days of the completion of the project or termination of this Implementation Plan.
19. The final project report will be a stand-alone document that can be used for public information dissemination purposes regarding the project and must:
 - a) describe the conduct, benefits and outcomes of the project as a whole;
 - b) evaluate the project, including assessing the extent to which the objective in this Implementation Plan has been achieved and explaining why any aspects were not achieved;
 - c) include a discussion of any other matters relating to the project, which the Commonwealth notifies the State should be included in the final project report at least 30 days before it is due.; and
 - d) contain a summary of the data described under section 17(d) of this Implementation Plan.