

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Funding initiatives and spending changes in this budget are largely focused on reducing community harm. While it is promising to see further investments in alcohol and other drug (AOD) services, further clarity is needed to understand how this investment will support prevention and improve outcomes for people experiencing AOD challenges. There remains an opportunity to strengthen workforce planning and development, particularly for specialist services in regional and remote areas.

Initiative	Preventing Alcohol and Risk Related Trauma in Youth <i>(BP2, V1, P322) (BP2, V2, P388)</i>
Investment	\$2.56 million over four years.
Description	Continuation of the P.A.R.T.Y Program at Royal Perth Hospital. The Program aims to reduce trauma-related incidents by educating young people about the dangers of AOD use and risky behaviours.
Implications	<i>Represents a spending change of the Road Trauma Trust Account. This funding is also aligned with the Ambulance Ramping Taskforce and Emergency Access Reforms.</i>

Initiative	Family Violence Perpetrator Intervention Pilot Program <i>(BP2, V1, P321, P322) (BP2, V2, P480)</i>
Investment	\$6.1 million over two years.
Description	Aims to provide targeted intervention to perpetrators and/or their families who are impacted by AOD use.
Implications	<i>Represents spending changes as part of an ongoing initiative. This funding is also aligned with the Ambulance Ramping Taskforce and Emergency Access Reforms.</i>

Initiative	Broome Needle and Syringe Exchange Program <i>(BP2, V1, P322) (BP3, P135)</i>
Investment	\$1.95 million over four years.
Description	The program offers equipment exchange, safe disposal, brief interventions and referrals to other services
Implications	<i>The initiative aims to minimise harm and reduce pressure on emergency departments.</i>