

MENTAL HEALTH, DISABILITY AND NDIS

MENTAL HEALTH

WACOSS is pleased to see the government commit funding for Recovery Colleges, the continuation of the Suicide Prevention Strategy, and its election promise of more beds. We remain concerned however, that, in the context of the Sustainable Health Review, WA is not meeting the target of 4% of total budget spend on prevention measures, with current spending less than 2%.

- \$3.6M towards establishment of Recovery Colleges
- \$200K expansion of Mental Health Co-Response model to Regional areas
- 16% cut to prevention spending

DISABILITY

Whilst WACOSS welcomes the focus in the budget on mental health court and diversion, there remains a need for specialized services for those with cognitive disabilities who come into contact with the justice system.

- \$40M to deliver support for students diagnosed with a disability in government schools
- \$500K for the development of the State Disability Plan, however no funding in forward estimates for implementation
- Increase in funding for the office of the public advocate, although concerns from sector remain regarding sufficient recognition of increased work they are doing with seniors and people with intellectual disabilities
- Upgrades for disability access in public transport, and inclusion of disability access measures in Metronet
- No clearly defined line item for the funding peak representation for people with disability

NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME

- \$8.5M for development of services and new and contemporary systems to meet the needs of people with disability into the future under the NDIS
- Increase of \$300K to systemic and individual advocacy organisations, however no forward estimates – Concerns from sector this is inadequate during NDIS rollout