

# Standard 5.

## Promotion and prevention

**The MHS works in partnership with its community to promote mental health and address prevention of mental health problems and / or mental illness.**

### CRITERIA

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- 5.1** The MHS develops strategies appropriate to the needs of its community to promote mental health and address early identification and prevention of mental health problems and / or mental illness that are responsive to the needs of its community, by establishing and sustaining partnerships with consumers, carers, other service providers and relevant stakeholders.
- 5.2** The MHS develops implementation plans to undertake promotion and prevention activities, which include the prioritisation of the needs of its community and the identification of resources required for implementation, in consultation with their partners.
- 5.3** The MHS, in partnership with other sectors and settings supports the inclusion of mental health consumers and carers in strategies and activities that aim to promote health and wellbeing.
- 5.4** The MHS evaluates strategies, implementation plans, sustainability of partnerships and individual activities in consultation with their partners. Regular progress reports on achievements are provided to consumers, carers, other service providers and relevant stakeholders.
- 5.5** The MHS identifies a person who is accountable for developing, implementing and evaluating promotion and prevention activities.
- 5.6** The MHS ensures that their workforce is adequately trained in the principles of mental health promotion and prevention and their applicability to the specialised mental health service context with appropriate support provided to implement mental health promotion and prevention activities.