



Psychosocial Project Group: Project Update #1 March 2023

Under the National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Agreement (the National Agreement), states and territories have committed to undertaking further analysis of psychosocial supports outside of the NDIS. The Psychosocial Project Group (Project Group) has been established as a time limited group to progress this analysis. The outcome of this work will be used to inform future arrangements for provision of these supports.

Please see below for the first Project Group update:

- The Project Group has now met on four occasions (15 September, 25 November, 9 December 2022 and 10 February 2023) to reach consensus on a definition for psychosocial supports, target cohort and scope for the purposes of the analysis.
- These have been informed by the various views of psychosocial sector representatives, including those put forward at the Mental Illness Fellowship of Australia roundtable on 22 November 2022.
- The Project Group will look to engage a consultant with expertise in working with people with lived experience of mental illness and sector engagement.
- The analysis is the first component of a two-stage approach, once the analysis is available, a second component will be required to look at models of psychosocial support and opportunities for new models.
- The Project Group continues to develop a plan for ensuring key stakeholders are kept informed as this work progresses.