



FIRST NATIONS HEALTH FUNDING TRANSITION ADVISORY GROUP

Communique

24 September 2025

The First Nations Health Funding Transition Advisory Group met virtually on 24 September 2025. The meeting was chaired by Dr Dawn Casey, Deputy CEO, NACCHO.

Program Transition updates

The Department provided updates on transition planning for a range of programs including Integrated Team Care (ITC), Trachoma Health Promotion, the Indigenous Lived Experience Centre (ILEC) and First Nations Mental Health Flexible Funding.

The ILEC, previously housed within the Black Dog Institute, has transitioned to an independent, self-determined entity called the Indigenous Australian Lived Experience Centre (IALEC), effective 1 October 2025. IALEC will continue to represent First Nations Peoples' lived and living experiences in mental health and suicide prevention across Australia. This move fulfills a vision initiated in 2019 by First Nations lived experience leaders.

The Department continues working with the community-controlled health sector to inform future delivery arrangements for programs not currently delivered by the sector. Transition plans are being co-developed with program owners and community stakeholders to ensure they are fit-for-purpose and reflect the principles of self-determination, community empowerment, equity, and cultural safety. Advisory Group members stressed the importance of working in genuine partnership, as outlined in the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.

Engagement and Further Information

Organisations and individuals seeking to engage with the review should feel comfortable to reach out to Advisory Group members. Further information on the review is available by emailing: funding.transition@health.gov.au.