

## Supporting our hospitals

We have increased funding for the nation's public hospitals by \$5 billion, up from \$13.3 billion in 2012–13, to \$21.7 billion in 2018–19, to \$26.2 billion in 2022–23.

In addition, patients in every state and territory will have access to improved health and hospital services under our landmark \$1.25 billion Commonwealth Health and Hospitals Program (CHHP).

Projects will be delivered through Primary Health Networks, grant funding, and transfer payments to state and territory governments. They include the Comprehensive Children's Cancer Centre at Sydney's Children's Hospital, NSW; Centre for Excellence in Cellular Immunotherapy at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Victoria; James Cook University – Cairns Tropical Enterprise Centre, Queensland; Repatriation Hospital – Brain and Spinal Centre, South Australia; improved health outcomes for individuals living with brain and spinal cord injuries in Queensland; Peel Health Campus, Western Australia; Ambulatory Care Centre, Alice Springs, Northern Territory; Canberra Hospital Intensive Care Unit, Australian Capital Territory; and North West Cancer Centre linear accelerator North West Regional Hospital, Tasmania.

The CHHP complements our record investment in public hospitals, which will more than double from \$13.3 billion in 2012–13 to \$29.1 billion in 2024–25. Our new five year National Health Reform Agreement will deliver more than \$30 billion in additional public hospital funding from 2020–21 to 2024–25.

## Addressing youth mental health and suicide prevention

The Government is boosting mental health funding by \$736.6 million, with \$461.1 million focused on addressing youth mental health and suicide prevention. The high rate of suicide, particularly among young people, is a national tragedy which we are taking strong action to address. Recognising that the causes of suicide are complex and extend into social services and finances, the Prime Minister will make suicide prevention a key personal priority by creating a Suicide Prevention Envoy in his department to coordinate suicide prevention initiatives across the whole of Government.

The Government's \$461.1 million commitment to addressing youth mental health and suicide prevention is guaranteed, including by providing:

- \$15 million to ensure that communities and services can respond quickly to areas affected by high incidences of suicides and self-harm by creating a new national information system.
- \$15 million to empower Indigenous suicide prevention.
- \$111 million to expand the headspace Network by 30 – from the current 115 services to 145 by 2021, to enable more young people to access support.
- \$152 million to reduce wait times at headspace centres around the country.
- \$2 million investment in the Young Ambassadors for Mental Health project, which will enrich these services by enabling young ambassadors with lived experience of mental health issues to get out into the community to promote mental health literacy, and improve how people seek help.
- \$110 million to continue the Early Psychosis Youth Services program at 14 headspace centres to provide specialist clinical services for young people at the early stages of severe mental illness. This will bring our total investment in headspace to around \$95.7 million a year.

We are also investing an additional \$112.4 million in mental health through the CHHP with a focus on youth and Indigenous mental health and suicide prevention, and integrated community mental health.

### **Investing in life saving and job creating medical research**

The Government is ensuring record funding of \$6 billion over the forward estimates for medical research, with \$3.5 billion for the National Health and Medical Research Council, \$0.5 billion for the Biotechnology Translation Fund, and \$2.3 billion for the MRFF – up from \$222 million in 2018–19 to \$650 million in 2022–23.

The Government is committing to a new \$5 billion 10-year MRFF investment plan across four themes Patients, Researchers, Missions and Translation. Under the Patients theme, the government will invest \$614 million in the rare cancer, rare disease clinical trial program.

The Government's 10-year investment plan will give researchers and industry certainty and direction through the four key areas:

#### *Patients*

The Government will commit a further \$931.0 million for a total of \$1.3 billion allocated under the Investment Plan to improve the health of Australians through the development of new treatments and cures informed by the latest research and using cutting edge technology, which includes:

- Clinical Trials for Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Needs - a further \$354.0 million for a total of \$614.2 million;
- Emerging Priorities and Consumer Driven Research - a further \$554.0 million for a total of \$633.0 million; and
- Global Health - Tackling Antimicrobial Resistance and Drug Resistant Tuberculosis - a further \$23.0 million for a total of \$28.4 million.

#### *Researchers*

The Government will commit a further \$444.6 million for a total of \$792.8 million allocated under the Investment Plan to support our best health and medical researchers to make breakthrough discoveries, develop their skills and progress their careers in Australia, which includes:

- Frontier Health and Medical Research - a further \$330.0 million for a total of \$570.0 million;
- Industry Researcher Exchange and Training - existing allocation of \$32.0 million; and
- Clinical Researchers - a further \$114.6 million for a total of \$190.8 million.