**Mental Health, Wellbeing, and Alcohol and Other Drugs Joint Leadership Group**

**Communique – Meeting 1, 21 March 2024**

The first meeting of the Mental Health, Wellbeing, and Alcohol and Other Drugs Joint Leadership Group (Joint Leadership Group) was held on 21 March 2024. This communique provides all stakeholders with information and outcomes from the meeting.

The Joint Leadership Group provides high level, system-wide, collaborative decision-making, and oversight, to deliver a system that adopts a person-centred approach and encapsulates whole of system priorities. This includes the transition to more community-based services that provide prevention and earlier intervention, and diversion away from acute in-patient services.

**Joint Leadership Group Priorities**

The establishment of a sub-group of relevant Executive Directors from the Health Service Providers will commence prior to the next Joint Leadership Group meeting. This group will be support the operationalisation of Joint Leadership Group actions and outcomes.

Work is still in progress to finalise the Joint Leadership Group Annual Workplan and key priorities.

**Terms of Reference and Charter**

Members were provided with the Ministerially approved Terms of Reference and Charter for their review. The Terms of Reference and Charter are anticipated to be endorsed at the next Joint Leadership Group meeting on 30 May 2024.

**Overview of the New Governance Structure**

Members were provided with an overview of the new governance structure.

 **The next Joint Leadership Group meeting is scheduled for 30 May 2024.**

You may distribute this Communique to your wider networks. Communiques and other relevant documents for the Joint Leadership Group are available on the [Mental Health Commission’s website](https://www.mhc.wa.gov.au/about-us/sector-governance/).