



# **ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS ADVISORY BOARD**

## **COMMUNIQUE – MEETING 26 JUNE 2024**

The Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board (AODAB) is established pursuant to s.14 of the *Alcohol and Other Drug Act 1974* (the Act) to provide advice to the CEO (the Mental Health Commissioner, the Commissioner) about matters relevant to performance of functions under section 11 - the functions of the CEO. In fulfilling this purpose, the AODAB consults with the alcohol and other drugs (AOD) and related sectors to ensure advice to the Commissioner reflects the broad range of views and experience of people affected by AOD related harm, such as communities, young people, the ageing population and those with co-occurring health issues such as mental health conditions.

The AODAB is committed to communicating information about its work where possible, and it was agreed to provide a publicly available communique, in broad terms, about the activities of the AODAB. This communique provides all stakeholders with information from the 26 June 2024 meeting.

### **Updates from the Mental Health Commission**

The AODAB acknowledged the proposed changes that the Commission has implemented in relation to AOD.

The AODAB received updates from the Commission on the development of the Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drugs Strategy 2025-2030. Community consultation was discussed and advice provided regarding engagement with services, regional approaches and capacity of organisations.

The AODAB received an update on the development of the Outcomes Measurement Framework. The AODAB agreed the sector should be consulted early in the process to ensure the views of the sector are appropriately represented.

The AODAB discussed how to address potential gaps in the data obtained.

The AODAB appreciated the comprehensive update on the AOD Governance Implementation Plan, particularly the work undertaken to elevate the profile of AOD within the Commission.

The AODAB workplan will be updated after its membership has been extended to ensure a wider perspective on priorities.

The next AODAB meeting is scheduled for 7 August 2024.