Expression of Interest

Collaborative – Adolescents with Complex Social Needs

Expressions of Interest

Expressions of interest are invited to form membership of the Children’s Health Queensland (CHQ) sponsored **Collaborative**, focusing on **Adolescents with Complex Social Needs.**

Background

In May 2022, CHQ hosted “A lot going on” - Adolescent Summit on Complex Social Needs in 2022, bringing together Health, other government and community organisations to showcase integrated care initiatives that support socially complex adolescents and their families across South East Queensland. At the summit, CHQ Chief Health Services Executive, Mr Frank Tracey, delivered **a call to action -** recognising the complexity of challenges facing socially complex adolescents and the need for systems to work together to promote outcomes.

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The establishment of the Collaborative - Adolescents with Complex Social Needs (the Collaborative) will aim to promote interagency collaboration, gather collective expertise and advance initiatives aimed at improving psychosocial outcomes for adolescents (aged 12-18) presenting with social complexity.

This initiative will support integrated service responses initially focusing on in South-East Queensland (SEQ) Hospital and Health Services, other government and community agencies with a targeted focus on the psychosocial care of socially complex adolescents and their families who encounter multiple levels of care. Once established, this group may also explore scalability of this initiative across State-wide services.

Membership with the Collaborative will aim to:

* Connect member and stakeholder organisations to promote collaboration and integrated care initiatives
* Promote learning about initiatives relevant to the cohort across South-East Queensland and identify gaps in need of collaborative improvement
* Promote interagency partnerships, formalised agreements and referral pathways.
* Form a Community of Practice to guide/build clinical capacity across multiple levels of care to improve responses to adolescents and families underpinned by trauma informed practice principles.
* Provide leadership, strategic advice and advocacy for relevant initiatives to progress (where relevant governance mechanisms do not exist) influencing systemic and policy change
* Establish, oversee and support working groups which address gaps in the identified areas of focus.
* Identify opportunities for, and promote collaboration on, relevant research and evaluation opportunities and translate evidence into tangible practice change.

Requirements of Members

* Members will be required to actively participate in monthly meetings (either in person or via online meeting platform) from October 2022 – June 2023, with some out of session consultation as required.
* Members will be selected to represent a variety of settings, including Health, other government (E.g. Education, Child Safety, Youth Justice, Housing) and community organisations. While this Collaborative will initially focus on service provision in SEQ, representatives from organisations/HHS’s across the state are welcome to apply where they feel this may be relevant.
* Members will share and disseminate information, suggest required action to organisation leaders, seek opportunities to collaborate and support service improvement.

Further information and applications:

For further information and to submit your Expression of Interest, please contact:   
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Line Manager Approval:   
  
I endorse the above person’s application to fill the role of a member of the Socially Complex Adolescent Collaborative. I understand the requirements outlined above associated with the position and undertake to support the applicant in this role should they be successful.

Line Manager Name:       Position:

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