

Tasmanian Opioid Pharmacotherapy Program Policy and Clinical Practice Standards (TOPP)

Call for submissions- Organisations

Dear <Stakeholder>,

Invitation to participate in the review and provide feedback for the Tasmanian Opioid Pharmacotherapy Program Policy and Clinical Practice Standards (2012)

I am writing on behalf of the Statewide Mental Health Services to invite your organisation to participate in the review of the Tasmanian Opioid Pharmacotherapy Program Policy and Clinical Practice Standards (TOPP). To inform the review process, we are seeking valued feedback from consumers, key stakeholders and service partners of the alcohol, tobacco and other drug sector in Tasmania.

In 2012 the TOPP was implemented to provide a framework for the delivery of the Opioid Pharmacotherapy Program (the Program) in Tasmania, encompassing policy and clinical practice standards into the one overarching document. During this time, the document has shaped the operation of the Program and guided the practice of the many participants of the shared care treatment model.

The time has come to review the TOPP to evaluate its role, function and effectiveness in delivering safe and successful opioid pharmacotherapy treatment to Tasmanians. This work will be coordinated by the Statewide Mental Health Services and guided by a dedicated TOPP Clinical Reference Group.

Your feedback in this review process is essential and will be used to update and inform the new version of this important document. A dedicated webpage has been established to house all information about the TOPP Review including background documents such as the TOPP (2012), recent communiques, the review Terms of Reference, and feedback channels. The web address is available at:

http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/mentalhealth/alcohol_and_drug/tasmanian_opioid_pharmacotherapy_policy_and_clinical_practice_standards

To participate in the review, feedback can be provided as follow:

- **Written Submissions**

Your written submission can be forwarded via post or email to:

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TOPP Review

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- **Online Survey**

Your feedback can also be provided via an online survey, this survey will be open from 8 January 2018 via our webpage (refer to above link).

- **Consultation Forums for Health Professionals**

A number of consultation sessions (in the North and South) will be conducted during January and February 2018. More information about these forums including dates and venues will be provided to you in the coming weeks.

Please note that the feedback period closes on 2 February 2018.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this invitation and I look forward to working with you as part of this important process. If you have any further queries in relation to the TOPP Review, please contact me on telephone 6166 0821 or via email at: adstopp@dhhs.tas.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Jim Galloway

Reviewer- Tasmanian Opioid Pharmacotherapy Policy

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