

Housing and Mental Health Agreement 2022

Summary The purpose of the Information Bulletin is to advise the NSW Health system that a new Housing and Mental Health Agreement between NSW Health and Department of Communities and Justice has been released.

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PURPOSE

This Information Bulletin is to advise that NSW Health and the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) have entered into a new Housing and Mental Health Agreement 2022, which has now been released on the [NSW Health Website](#).

KEY INFORMATION

The Housing and Mental Health Agreement 2022 (known as HMHA 22) outlines how NSW Health and the Department of Communities and Justice agree to work together and with key stakeholders to ensure that people with mental illness have:

- timely access to safe, secure, appropriate housing; and
- mental health supports in place when needed, to sustain housing, live well in the community and lead their recovery.

The agreement outlines the common objectives, principles, and high-level commitments of the signatories. The Objectives are to:

- Re-invigorate effective, accountable and sustainable governance between mental health, housing, and homelessness services.
- Deliver on a common cross-agency agenda through shared goals in partnership with mental health, housing, and homelessness services and other key stakeholders.
- Embed agreed principles in policy, commissioning and service delivery.

A Service Delivery Framework and Governance Framework will be released to guide the implementation of the agreement at state, district, and local level.

The Housing and Mental Health Agreement 2022 reflects several of the focus areas of the [NSW Homelessness Strategy 2018 2023](#); and the commitments NSW Health has already made to the [No Exits from Government Services into Homelessness: A framework for multi-agency action 2020](#).

Further information

For further information, contact the Mental Health Branch at MOH-HousingandMentalHealthAgreement2022@health.nsw.gov.au