

DUAL DIAGNOSIS CLINIC

Information for Eastern Metropolitan Region AOD & MHCS services

Turning Point (a part of Eastern Health), in conjunction with Eastern Dual Diagnosis Service (EDDS), are pleased to offer psychiatric assessments for consumers of AOD and MHCS services in the eastern metropolitan region of Melbourne.

- One-off Bulk Billed assessment and advice regarding co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders (Dual Diagnosis) under Medicare Item 291.
- Diagnostic clarification of co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders.
- Report of assessment outcomes (with diagnoses) and recommendations for management.

Referral Procedure:

- 1) The worker from either an AOD or MHCS service must ensure screening for dual diagnosis, as well as a risk assessment, has been undertaken with the consumer. NOTE: Consumers at acute risk should be referred to Emergency Services (000) or Psychiatric Triage (1300 721 927).
- 2) If screening indicates the consumer is experiencing dual diagnosis problems, the worker should phone a Senior Dual Diagnosis Clinician at EDDS (9843 1288) to discuss the referral and seek further consultation.
- 3) If a referral to the Dual Diagnosis Clinic is considered appropriate by the Senior Dual Diagnosis Clinician, the worker will ask the consumer to request a Medicare Item 291 referral from their GP. Once completed, the Item 291 referral must be faxed to EDDS (9843 1266). See the accompanying GP leaflet, which may be given to the consumer to take to their GP.
- 4) Once the referral has been faxed and received by EDDS, the worker can phone (9843 1288) to make an appointment for their consumer at the Dual Diagnosis Clinic. This will usually be on a Tuesday morning or on a Thursday. NOTE: An appointment cannot be made if the GP referral has not been received by EDDS.
- 5) The consumer will be assessed at the Dual Diagnosis Clinic – located at Turning Point Eastern Treatment Services, Ground Floor, 43 Carrington Road, Box Hill. The worker may choose to be present at the assessment if the client consents to this.
- 6) A Dual Diagnosis assessment report will be sent to both the referring GP and the AOD/MHCS worker after the consumer has attended the appointment.

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