



## **Industry Briefing Question and Answers Held 21.04.2026 (11am-11.30am)**

### **Q1: Are the available funds allocated per LGA?**

**Answer:**

No. The funding is not allocated per LGA. Funding is provided for the overall initiative, and applicants may propose services covering one or multiple LGAs. The amount of funding awarded will be proportionate to the scale and scope of the proposed service, not the number of LGAs covered.

### **Q2. Is there a required template for the risk assessment?**

**Answer:**

No specific template has been provided. Organisations may submit a risk assessment using their own organisational template. The level of detail should be appropriate to the scale and complexity of the proposed program.

### **Q3. Can establishment activities (including co-design) be included in the budget if services commence in July?**

**Answer:**

Yes. If establishment activities such as co-design or initial set-up are required, applicants should include these costs in their budget. While services are expected to be operational as early as possible in July, early-phase or establishment costs should be clearly identified and justified so the assessment panel understands their purpose.

### **Q4. Do applicants need to include all three priority cohorts in their proposal?**

**Answer:**

No. Applicants may focus on one, two, or all three priority cohorts. This approach is intentional to ensure smaller organisations with strong relationships in specific communities have an opportunity to apply. As a result, PHN may fund multiple providers through this RFP.

### **Q5. Is there a branding requirement for services (e.g. PHN branding or linkage to Medicare Mental Health Check-In)?**

**Answer:**

There will be acknowledgement requirements for PHN funding, consistent with other PHN-commissioned services. However, services are not required to operate under a single, standardised service name, recognising that initiatives funded through this RFP may differ significantly.

### **Q6. Would a comprehensive program targeting children aged 3–7 years be eligible?**

**Answer:**

Yes. A program covering children aged 3–7 would be eligible, as it includes the 5–12 priority



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cohort. However, as funding is limited with multiple priority cohorts to be addressed through this RFP, COORDINARE will seek to allocate funding equitably. Proposals should clearly demonstrate efficient use of resources, measurable outcomes and value for money.

**Q7. How many providers does the PHN anticipate funding for each cohort?**

**Answer:**

This will depend on the applications received. As funding is limited with multiple priority cohorts to be addressed through this RFP, COORDINARE will seek to allocate funding equitably.

**Q8. will there be consideration around what is already funded in the LGA for each priority group?**

**Answer:**

Yes. The assessment panel will consider what is already funded in each LGA for each priority group. Applicants should describe how their service will integrate with the local service system and avoid duplication with both local and national programs.



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