

Loddon Mallee Murray Partners in Recovery Program Information



Who is the Partners in Recovery (PIR) program for?

It's for people experiencing severe and persistent mental illness, who also have complex needs which require a comprehensive and coordinated response from a range of sectors – including health, housing, income support, disability, education and employment. The program is a Federal government initiative.

How can PIR help?

PIR support facilitators work with individuals to help them develop a recovery action plan. Support facilitators then help to coordinate a range of services and supports to make this plan happen, using flexible funds where necessary.

Where is the Loddon Mallee Murray PIR program available?

The geographic area of the Loddon Mallee Murray PIR covers almost 50,000km². It incorporates parts of Victoria and New South Wales including Bendigo, Castlemaine, Echuca, Deniliquin, Donald, Birchip and Swan Hill. See map for further details.

Who is eligible?

To be eligible a person needs to:

- be aged 18 years or over
- be diagnosed with, or appear to have, a severe and persistent mental illness
- have complex needs that require services from multiple agencies
- require substantial support to engage with the various services to meet their needs
- have no existing co-ordination arrangements in place to assist the person in accessing the necessary services (or where they are in place these arrangements have failed)
- be willing to participate in PIR.



How to refer

- Call us on phone: 03 5441 7004
- Fax us on fax: 03 5442 6760
- Post us a referral: Box 2220, Bendigo Delivery Centre, Bendigo VIC 3554
- Via www.connectingcare.com

What to include in the referral

- Referral preferred on a SCTT tool Pages 1 to 4 (<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/pcps/sctt.htm>) but any format accepted, including:
- Client name and contact details
- Date of Birth
- Current diagnosis (if available)
- Key issues and needs
- That the patient has consented to being referred to PIR

Referrers will be notified when Loddon Mallee Murray PIR receives the referral, and may be contacted for further information. Referrers will be advised of the outcome of the referral.

Please note, referrals can also be made by the individual or their carer or support person.