

LEADING INNOVATION IN DRUG AND ALCOHOL IN NSW

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Introduction: The ACI is the lead agency in NSW for promoting innovation and designing new models of health care. Joining 38 existing Networks, the Drug and Alcohol Network was launched in January 2015 and currently has over 250 members.

Method / Approach: The Network is led by an Executive Committee drawn from across service types and geographic boundaries. The Network aims to promote and support innovation, both new activity and innovations already happening. A Working Group drawn from the Network membership was established to lead this piece of work.

Key Findings: The Inaugural NSW Drug and Alcohol Innovation Forum will be held in August this year. Members have been invited to submit abstracts showcasing their creative solutions. Through a rigorous selection process overseen by a panel of experts, abstracts will be chosen based on the quality of their submission and ability to meet the objective of transferability to other health settings. In a NSW first for D&A, all Forum participants (including those live-streaming), led by an expert panel, will consider each project and its ability to meet these objectives. Projects will be ranked and prioritised for investment by the Network via a voting process.

Discussions and Conclusions: The D&A Network provides a unique forum for people to collaborate across this sector and be part of innovative redesign processes and decision making around investment.

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