

Community brain disorders assessment and treatment service

The Community Brain Disorders Assessment & Treatment Service is a state wide mobile consultative and treatment service providing support for consumers with the dual diagnosis of Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) or neurodegenerative disease and psychiatric disorders. CBDATS is based at the Royal Talbot Campus of Austin Health in Kew.

This document should not replace the advice of your relevant health care professional.

Mission

We aim to provide a supportive, flexible and responsive service which is sensitive to the needs of its clients. We provide a high standard of support and consultation within the rehabilitation process, with the view to promoting the brain disordered persons most adaptive level of functioning within the community.

Who can use the service?

Our consumer group are:

- Adults aged 16 to 64
- Diagnosed with a permanent disability secondary to an ABI or neurodegenerative condition
- Diagnosed with a psychiatric disorder, including behaviours of concern.

Services

Primarily, service takes the form of assessment, brief intervention, treatment, referral and liaison. The CBDATS team provides specialist, time-limited secondary consultation to services including acute and continuing care mental health services, residential care services and both government and non-government organisations.

Where necessary, diagnosis may be confirmed by a full neurobehavioural assessment conducted by specialist staff at the Neurobehaviour Clinic (NBC). The NBC specialises in the assessment of complex neuropsychiatric problems. The clinic is staffed by psychiatry and neuropsychology and led by the clinical director of the Brain Disorders Program.

Education is seen as an important tertiary aspect of the service's role and it aims to increase community awareness and understanding of problems experienced by people with a brain impairment/mental health dual diagnosis. It is possible to arrange for the team to provide education sessions to service providers and other agencies.



Austin Health acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land and pays its respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Austin Health celebrates, values and includes people of all backgrounds, genders, sexualities, cultures, bodies and abilities.



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CBDATS is the referral point for the Brain Disorders Unit and Step 2 program and will refer appropriate clients to the inpatient team. CBDATS will also provide time-limited follow-up to following discharge from these programs.

The Brain Disorders Unit and CBDATS do not provide case management, crisis intervention or emergency admission.

Who makes up the team?

Staff from a variety of disciplines, experienced in working with people with neurological and psychiatric problems are employed by the service. These include psychiatrists, neuropsychologists, nurses and social workers. We are also able to provide long distance consultation and follow-up using our videoconferencing facility.

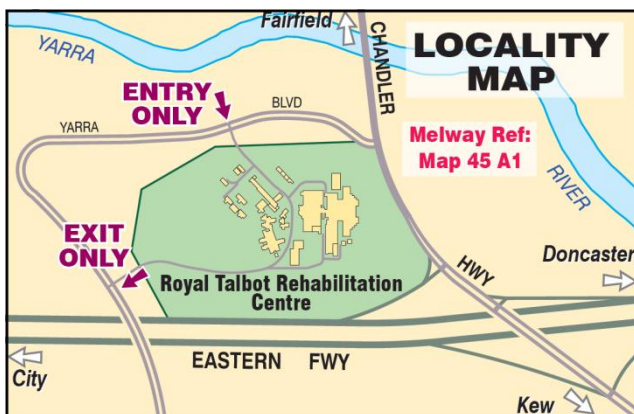
Who can refer?

We encourage referrals from individuals, their families/carers, treating health professionals and agencies. We provide state wide consultation and welcome enquiries from regional areas.

How to make a referral

We encourage people to contact the intake worker to discuss potential referrals prior to completing a formal referral form. The intake worker is available from 12.30pm to 5pm Monday to Friday and can be contacted on (03) 9490 7366.

We can act as a referral directory and assist with liaison with other health care professionals when this is more appropriate to your needs.



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