

Program planning

Triennial and growth funding planning

The Victorian HACC triennial plan 2012–15 is a three-year statement of the priorities and strategic directions for the HACC program.

Through the triennial plan the Victorian minister responsible for aged care sets key priorities for the allocation of HACC growth funds in Victoria, which are then approved by the Commonwealth minister responsible for aged care. The allocation of HACC growth funds for any particular year is described in the *Victorian annual supplement* and informed by the strategic directions agreed in the triennial plan.

A regional consultation process initiates the annual growth funding allocation process. The consultation provides an opportunity for the region to discuss with the service sector:

- progress against priorities
- emerging trends for service delivery
- pressure points in the system.

Once the quantum of new funds by local government area has been identified, the region uses a range of data sources to underpin recommendations for the allocation of growth funding, including:

- outcomes of the regional consultation
- service performance and Community Care Common Standards quality reviews
- census data of the HACC target population or the need for assistance measure (NAM)
- local pressures and service demand.

The regional recommendations are consolidated to create the *Victorian annual supplement* that is approved by both the relevant state and Commonwealth minister.

Planning interfaces

The HACC program is part of a broad service system of community, health and welfare services that include:

- community health services
- disability services
- Aged Care Assessment Services (ACAS)
- Commonwealth Home Care Packages
- National Respite for Carers Program
- Victorian Support for Carers Program (SCP)
- dementia services
- other health and community programs.

Planning for HACC services takes into consideration the broader service system.

Departmental Advisory Committee

Departmental Advisory Committee on the HACC program

The HACC Departmental Advisory Committee (DAC) provides strategic and policy advice and information to the department in relation to HACC services for older Victorians, younger Victorians with a disability, and their carers.

The HACC DAC is the main advisory and consultative mechanism for the HACC program in Victoria and has wide representation from service provider organisations, consumer representative organisations, and the Commonwealth Departments of Social Services and Veterans' Affairs. The DAC meets quarterly and convenes specific working groups as required.

Reporting requirements

The state government reports quarterly and annually on the outcomes of the HACC program.

Using the HACC minimum data set, HACC funded organisations report quarterly to the department on outputs achieved as per their service agreements and targets. The reports are collated and sent to the Victorian Department of Treasury and Finance.

HACC funded organisations report on block funding through the annual service activity report.

The department provides an annual business report to the Commonwealth by 31 December each year. This report includes information on regional expenditure, service outputs and service quality against the service priorities and outputs specified in the Victorian HACC program annual plan. The business report is tabled in Federal Parliament.

Links

Victorian HACC triennial plan 2012–15 (Department of Health 2012)

http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hacc/plan_fund/downloads/triennial_plan_12-15.pdf
