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| Youth Residential Drug Withdrawal34056 |
| Outcome objective: Victorians are connected to culture and community  Output group: Drug Services  Output: Drug Treatment And Rehabilitation |

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## 1. Service objective

The specific service aims and objectives for youth residential withdrawal services include to:  
• provide intensive residential support, time out and drug withdrawal to young people whose use of AOD causes significant harm and who may be experiencing concurrent issues such as homelessness, serious health or psychiatric problems, psychosocial issues and physical safety issues.  
• provide services on a 24-hour basis, within the context of a holistic, multidisciplinary, psychosocial health framework, in an environment which is physically and emotionally safe, drug-free and community-based.  
• develop effective linkages with the range of service systems which impact on a young person’s life, in order to facilitate the provision of integrated and coordinated care and link the young person to a strong support network.  
• provide information and referral services to the young person’s family and significant others, and to involve family members in the treatment of the young person where appropriate.  
• provide services to young people which cater for, and are appropriate to, their age, gender, cultural background or legal status.

## 2. Description of the service

Youth residential withdrawal services provide short-term intensive support, time out and drug withdrawal services to young people in a residential setting. This includes psychosocial, medical and pharmacological support, treatment and intervention in a safe, secure and drug-free environment on a 24-hour basis.   
The average length of stay in the service is approximately seven days and is supported by pre- and post-support including assessment, active holding, community treatment planning, community reintegration and aftercare.

## 3. Client group

The youth residential withdrawal services target young people aged 12–21 years, whose use of licit and illicit drugs causes significant physical, psychological and social harm. Clinical judgement and client choice will define whether young people up to age 25 years are considered developmentally appropriate for the youth residential withdrawal service or would be more suited to a general adult residential withdrawal service.   
These young people may also be experiencing concurrent issues such as family breakdown, homelessness, serious health or psychiatric problems, psychological issues, serous behavioural issues including offending, and physical safety issues.   
Young people may require drug withdrawal and/or therapeutic respite care from situational pressures associated with harmful drug use. Services should be provided to these young people regardless of their age, gender, cultural background or legal status.

## 4. Obligations specific to this activity

In addition to the obligations listed in the Service Agreement, organisations funded to deliver this activity must comply with the following:

### 4a. Registration and Accreditation

N/A

### 4b. Program requirements and other policy guidelines

* [Alcohol & Other Drug Program Guidelines](https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/alcohol-and-drugs/aod-service-standards-guidelines/aod-program-guidelines)

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* [Policy and funding guidelines for health services](https://www.health.vic.gov.au/policy-and-funding-guidelines-for-health-services)

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* [Cultural Diversity Guide - June 2004](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/diversity/cald.htm)

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/diversity/cald.htm>

* [Clinical Treatment guidelines for Methamphetamine dependence and treatment](https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/about/publications/researchandreports/clinical-treatment-guidelines-for-methamphetamine-dependence-and-treatment-2007)

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* [Protocol between Drug Treatment Services & Child Protection for working with parents with alcohol & other drug issues](https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/about/publications/researchandreports/Protocol-between-drug-treatment-services-amp-child-protection-for-working-with-parents-with-alcohol-amp-other-drug-issues--August-2002)

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## 5. Performance

Funding is subject to achieving the performance targets specified in Schedule 2 of the Service Agreement.

Performance is measured as follows:

**Key performance measure 1: Number of Drug Treatment Activity Units**

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| **Aim/objective** | To ensure that the service provider has delivered the quantity of services recorded in the service agreement |
| **Target** | The performance measure target is provided in the Service Agreement |
| **Type of count** | Cumulative |
| **Counting rule** | DTAUs and their operation are described in Part 3, Section 4.1 of the AOD program guidelines. |
| **Data source(s) collection** | * Victorian Alcohol and Drug Collection (VADC) / Alcohol and other drug treatment services national minimum dataset |
| **Definition of terms** | A DTAU unit is the measure used to quantify AOD service delivery. DTAUs have a fixed dollar value which is subject to indexation. Different activity types have different DTAU weightings and some priority populations attract an additional weighting. |

**Key performance measure 2: Number of Drug Treatment Activity Units**

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| **Aim/objective** | To ensure that the service provider has delivered the quantity of services recorded in the service agreement |
| **Target** | The performance measure target is provided in the Service Agreement |
| **Type of count** | Cumulative |
| **Counting rule** | DTAUs and their operation are described in Part 3, Section 4.1 of the AOD program guidelines. |
| **Data source(s) collection** | * Victorian Alcohol and Drug Collection (VADC) / Alcohol and other drug treatment services national minimum dataset |
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## 6. Data collection

The reporting requirements for this service are:

| **Data collection name** | **Data system** | **Data set** | **Reporting cycle** |
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| Victorian Alcohol and Drug Collection (VADC) / Alcohol and other drug treatment services national minimum dataset | VADC |  | Monthly |

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