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Expression of Interest

WACHS Telehealth Locum Opportunities Consultants and Senior Medical Practitioners in Psychiatry

WA Country Health Service Command Centre is calling upon AHPRA registered Consultant Psychiatrists and Senior Medical Practitioners in Psychiatry to provide Mental Health Emergency Telehealth Services.

The Mental Health Emergency Telehealth Service (MH-ETS) is an established telehealth service which forms part of the WACHS Command Centre, and provides access to acute mental health care for people presenting to hospitals, nursing posts and clinics across rural and remote WA, when there are no mental health or alcohol and other drug (AOD) services on the ground. It commenced in July 2019 and since that time has expanded to cover over 86 sites, with increasing activity rates.

MH-ETS builds on the longstanding WACHS Emergency Telehealth Service (ETS) Model and core video conferencing infrastructure to provide access to an 24/7 acute mental health workforce of Clinical Nurse Consultants (CNCs) and senior psychiatric medical staff to WACHS clinicians and their patients, via telehealth. The workforce provides accessible and timely specialist mental health assessments for acute mental health and substance related presentations, to support patient assessment, care planning, decision making and linking the patient back into the WACHS community mental health teams.

We are seeking to grow our pool of psychiatry medical staff to participate in the roster, which includes both shift and on call cover. The service uses a self-rostering process to allow doctors to contribute to the service in a way that fits with their other commitments. Regular shifts may also be available where they meet the needs of the service.

Position Profile:

- Provision of high standard psychiatric liaison and care for patients across all age groups in WA Country Health Service via telemedicine. The role provides a service across all regions of country WA, as part of the WACHS Command Centre model.
- Assists in effective clinical governance, teaching and supervision. Supports other clinicians to provide safe, effective services for patients. Demonstrates leadership, team work and role modelling within the clinical and non-clinical environment.
- Provision of advice and support to regional clinicians and the CNC – MH nurses.
- Ability to cover a 24/7 availability and on call roster to videoconference in to patients as requested.
- Ability to have orientation in Perth at the Command Centre (based at Royal Perth Hospital) and then provision is possible from alternative locations as negotiated

How to Apply

How to apply: Applicants must apply online via [LiveHire by clicking here.](#)

Please ensure you attach a CV and a cover letter which addresses the following.

- Demonstrated senior clinical experience independently assessing and managing patients of **all age groups** in acute mental health settings
- Well-developed skills with ICT systems and applications, and effective time management skills
- An understanding of the delivery of care in a rural environment and the Western Australian context.
- Details regarding your availability - when are you be able to commence, days of the week your available and hours of the day your available.

Additional Information

- Successful applicants will be required to undertake the WACHS credentialing and scope of practice process.
- Independent contractors will be offered a Medical Service Agreement and Salaried Medical Practitioners may apply from within WA Health under the temporary deployment process for a period up to 6 months.
- All successful applicants from within WA Health are subject to conditional approval from their employer to be released for Locum opportunities before applying.
- Attractive remuneration is on offer, with travel and accommodation provided if travel is required.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the role further, please don't hesitate to send an email with your contact details to Emma.Crampin@health.wa.gov.au.