

Presentation to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee



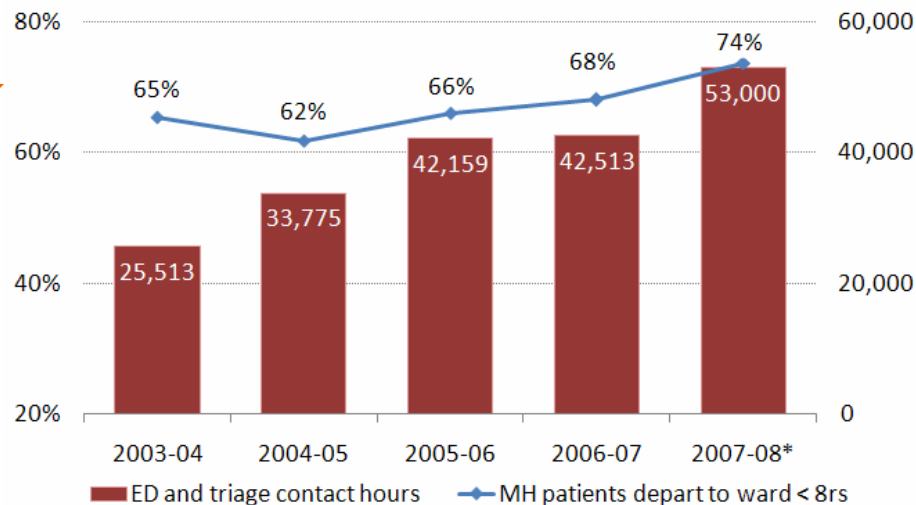
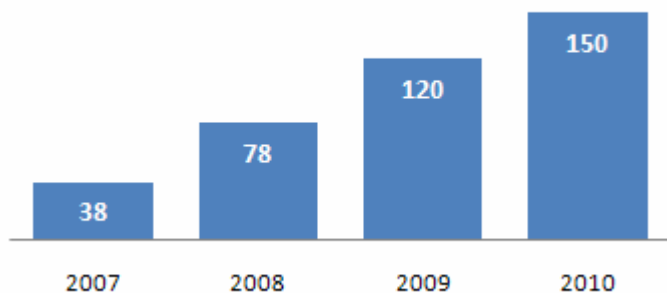
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Mental Health Achievements

Efforts to direct more resources to improving triage and supporting EDs, and to increase bed capacity, are working

Prevention and recovery care beds



The PARC service model demonstrates the Government's continuing emphasis on providing community-based alternatives to inpatient care

Key challenges in Mental Health

We need to shift our focus

Children and young people

There is a mismatch in burden of disability and where we invest

Child/Adolescent	\$45 per capita
Adult	\$115 per capita

Opportunity to save ten times the cost

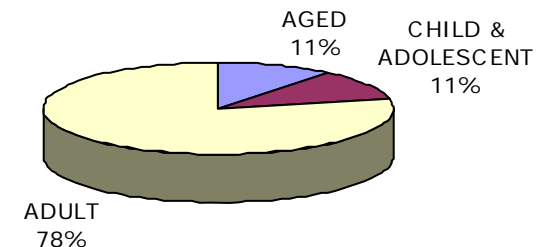
Prevention

Early intervention is the key to preventing deteriorating illness

But we focus more on acute end

2007-08 Budget allocation (\$ million) Grants to health services and non-government organisations

Source: Victoria - public hospitals and mental services Policy and funding guidelines 2007-08



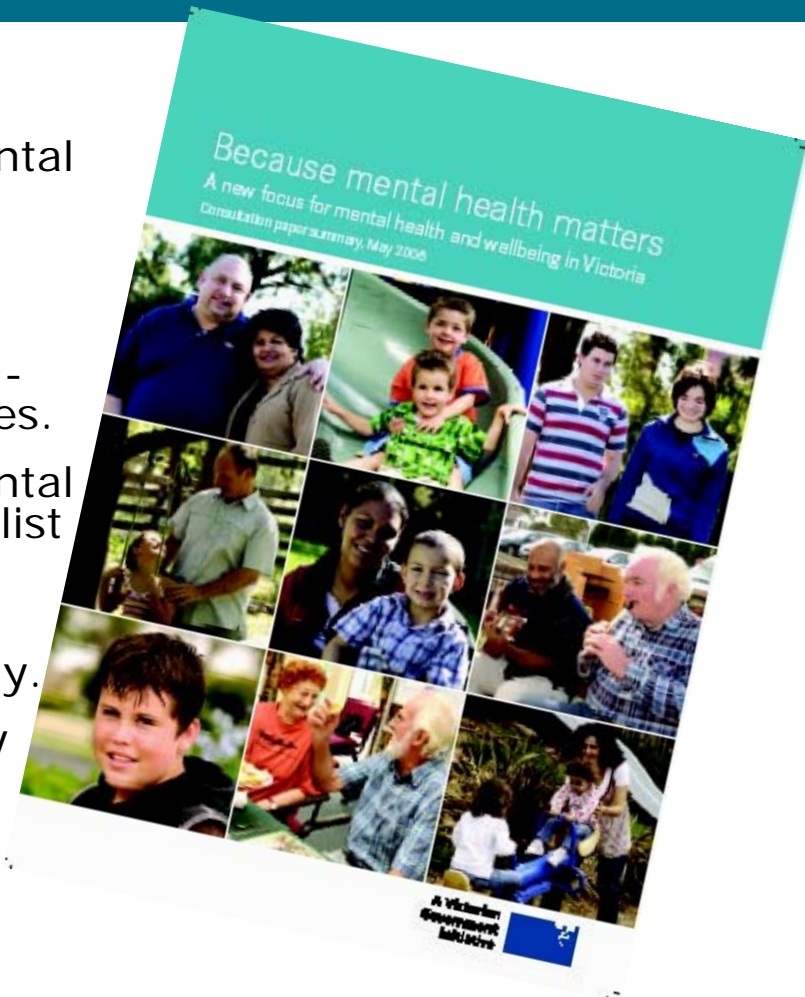
Disability Burden

23%	0 to 14 years
70%	15 to 24 years
44%	25 to 44 years

Responding to the challenge: The Mental Health Reform Strategy

Identified areas for strategic development:

1. Taking prevention seriously – promoting mental health and well-being.
2. Intervening earlier - better outcomes for children, young people and families.
3. Providing the right service at the right place - streamlining access and emergency responses.
4. Meeting the needs of people with severe mental health problems - building responsive specialist public mental health services.
5. Responding better to vulnerable groups - improving care and support in the community.
6. Developing our people - building high quality and sustainable workforces.
7. Doing things together - strengthening governance, partnerships, knowledge and accountability.



Mental Health Reform Strategy

– initial investment in the 08/09 budget

\$128 million for:

- **Seeding Reform**
 - \$76.6m over four years to commence significant reform in context of the new Victorian Mental Health Strategy, to be finalised in late 2008 (as part of \$128m total mental health investment)
- **Improving the front end of the system (\$15.9m over 4 years)**
 - New statewide 24/7 community information referral and advice service
 - Enhanced specialist mental health triage
- **Intervening earlier: children, young people and families (\$23.4m over 4 years)**
 - Increased perinatal supports
 - Enhanced family support
 - Child and youth service redesign initiative
- **Strengthening support for people with mental illness to live in the community (\$8.7m over 4 years)**
 - New Supportive Housing model
 - Expansion of home based outreach packages
- **Prevention & Recovery Care Beds (\$28.7m over 4 years)**
- **Mental health infrastructure**

Alcohol and Drugs

Achievements

- Increasing the number of drug treatment beds from 431 to 802
- Since 1999 over \$490m invested including \$201m to extend the Whole of Victorian Government Drug Strategy over four years from 2007/08 and \$37.2m for the Victorian Alcohol Action Plan over four years commencing 2008-09.
- 33% increase in number of clients accessing drug & alcohol treatment services
- Successful “Ice – It’s a dirty drug” campaign

Challenges

- Binge Drinking and violence
- Alcohol related health problems
- Poly drug use

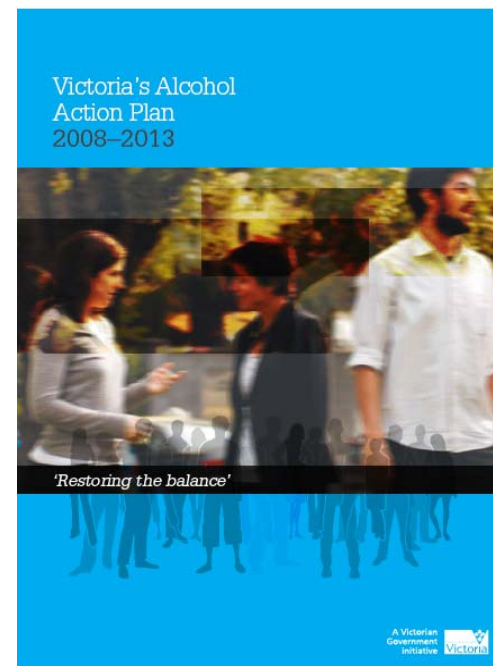


Alcohol and Drug Budget 2008-09

Victoria's Alcohol Action Plan

- 'Restoring the Balance' – Victoria's Alcohol Action Plan
- \$37.2m over 4 years to address alcohol problems

- Restoring the balance for families
- Restoring the balance for our community
- Restoring the balance within our culture



\$14.1m

\$18.8m

\$4.3m

Victoria's Alcohol Action Plan 2008-09 Key Initiatives

- **Earlier intervention and prevention** - building awareness and changing behaviour.
- **Quality care for alcohol problems** - extended share models to increase GP capacity to provide ongoing treatment including pharmacotherapy. Improved treatment options to reduce the risk of relapse and improve parent and adolescent recovery through family therapeutic treatments and medium intensity rehabilitation.
- **Promoting safe and sensible alcohol use** - increased awareness of the connection between risky alcohol consumption and social/physical harms.
- **Responsible sale and supply of alcohol** - boosting the critical role played by liquor licensing and improving compliance in reducing risky drinking and controlling social harm.
- **Protecting the community** including Safe Streets research led by Victoria Police will consider the triggers and precursors to public safety related crime and determine the effectiveness of policing and regulatory strategies.