



Specialist Mental Health Services for Veterans

A range of specialist mental health services will be provided at the Jamie Larcombe Centre, a new \$15 million Veterans' Mental Health Precinct located at Glenside Health Service Campus.

Veterans will continue to receive high quality care now and into the future

The Jamie Larcombe Centre will replace existing Ward 17 and ambulatory services currently located at the Repatriation General Hospital. Although the location of services will change, Veterans will continue to receive the same high quality care.

A model of care for Specialist Mental Health Services for Veterans has been developed which outlines the services that will be provided at the Jamie Larcombe Centre. It incorporates and builds on the services currently provided at Ward 17 and is based on evidence-based practice from around the world to ensure services meet the needs of current and future Veterans.

The Jamie Larcombe Centre will provide a broad range of services

The Jamie Larcombe Centre will provide treatment for a range of specialist mental health issues, including post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), anxiety and depression.

Being a purpose-built facility, the Jamie Larcombe Centre will also include new facilities to support treatment, including a gymnasium, group spaces, sensory garden, family spaces and separate areas for vulnerable groups.

The Jamie Larcombe Centre will also be able to accommodate assistance dogs on-site, helping patients to feel comfortable and supporting recovery.

PTSD services will be provided to Veterans, police and emergency services personnel

Veterans, police and emergency services personnel have unique treatment needs as a result of their service. At the Jamie Larcombe Centre, PTSD services will be provided to both Veterans and police and emergency services personnel to respond to these unique needs.

Country Veterans will have increased access to psychiatry services

Opportunities to offer tele-psychiatry services at the Jamie Larcombe Centre will be explored, enabling Veterans from country areas to access psychiatry services closer to home.

Veterans will be directed to appropriate medical support where needed

For Veterans with medical or physical health needs, a visiting physician will provide on-site services, including assessment, advice and referrals to specialty services off site when required. The Jamie Larcombe Centre will also link patients in to appropriate medical and outpatient services that are not available on-site to ensure patients have access to all of the services they need for effective treatment.

Veterans will have access to support services on-site

The Jamie Larcombe Centre will include a Partnerships Hub, where Veterans will have access to support services and information from a range of ex-service organisations. Having access to these services on-site will help Veterans to plan to return to the community and will provide easy access to the ongoing support services they need.

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