Value Based Health Care for Drug and Alcohol Services: A NSW approach.

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\textbf{Introduction and Aims:} In an environment of limited resources, including both funding and workforce, and increasing requirements to demonstrate the impact of treatment, Value Base Health Care (VBHC) has emerged as a framework with high utility for the health care system. Treatment for Substance Use Disorders is recognised as an area where demand outstrips the availability of treatment, but where there has been little funding growth. VBHC has been adopted by NSW Health as an overarching strategic framework and is applicable in NSW AoD treatment services.

\textbf{Approach:} Consistent with the NSW Health approach to VBHC, the proposed NSW AoD Framework focuses on developing a service system that is continually striving to deliver care that improves: a. health outcomes that matter to patients, b. patient experiences of receiving care, c. staff experiences of providing care, and d. the effectiveness and efficiency of care. To achieve this, our program aligns related AoD programs with the VBHC framework, support treatment services to implement the Clinical Care Standards for AoD Treatment; increase services’ capacity to monitor treatment quality, experiences and outcomes and act on this information for continuous improvement; co-develop and implement health information data solutions as enablers of VBHC; and establish a benchmarking program for AoD treatment.

\textbf{Discussions and Conclusions:} The program aims to engage services in collaborative measurement and benchmarking of their clinical processes and outcomes, with the long term goal of improving the sustainability and effectiveness of AoD treatment in NSW.

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