

MESSAGE FROM THE ED METRO NORTH MENTAL HEALTH

Metro North Health

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Dear Staff,

It has been a busy start to the year in many ways. In addition to continuing to provide clinical activity we continue to build our service to respond to increased needs. Work continues on embedding our new Rapid Response and Intervention CNCs in three of our Emergency Departments and increasing staffing in the Psychiatric Emergency Centre and working with the team to develop an updated model of service.

It was exciting to have the opportunity to see a 3D virtual walk-through design for our new Crisis Stabilisation Facility at TPCH. We expect building to start soon and clinical services to commence in August. The facility will provide significant enhanced services for people presenting in crisis with six 'chairs' and another six short stay beds which will help ease our bed pressures.

I have enjoyed continuing our Executive Rounding this year with visits to TPCH Older Persons, Chermside Continuing Care Team and Mobile Intensive Rehabilitation Team and RBWH Allied Health Inpatient team so far. It's wonderful to hear from our dedicated staff and see their passion for providing the very best care for consumers and carers, as well as their support for one another.

Research and Evaluation overview

The past couple of years have been busy for our Research and Evaluation team. In 2023 we expanded the team, welcoming Dr Liz Eggins (*pictured right*) as Manager Data Analytics and Evaluation.



Overview of our Research team



We have also continued our commitment to develop systems and processes to support people to undertake projects.

Systems and processes

- Visit the [MNMH Research Intranet site](#) for quick access to a range of topics and advice on conducting projects.
- Register your project on [MNMH Project Register](#). This will make sure that we can support you and count your work towards the overall efforts of MNMH.
- In 2024, we will be commencing a Research Support Committee which will provide guidance for Team Leaders, and any person or group that wish to undertake research at MNMH. We will be coming out to talk with teams over the next few months.

Communicating and celebrating success

Over the past two years, people from MNMH have been very busy undertaking research and continuous improvement projects to great success. Key achievements include:

- 82 research and 37 quality improvement projects underway across MNMH. This is likely an underestimation of activity – if you think your project may not be included please email us: MNMHResearch@health.qld.gov.au.
- 193 publications or presentations and \$1,167,120 in research funding in 2022.
- Over \$2,250,000 in research and strategic project funding awarded in 2023.

We aim to highlight and celebrate the successes of MNMH staff, their partners and people with lived experience and the parents and carers who are involved in research, evaluation and continuous improvement across Mental Health. Look out for our:

- Bimonthly Research Newsletter
- Emails sharing grants, learning opportunities and news about achievements across the service (e-blasts)

If you (or one of your team) have had some success with a project – an award, publication in a journal or presentation at a conference let us know so we can celebrate with you!

2024 MNMH Research Symposium

We are very pleased to be able to expand our 2024 MNMH Research Symposium to a full day event. This year there will also be masterclasses designed to broaden people's skills and confidence to undertake projects and build a research track record.

Save the Date: 2024 Research Symposium 27 August, Venue: RedCab Education Centre

If you missed last year's event you can check out the Plenary lectures and fifteen presentations given at the Symposium on the [MNMH Research Intranet site](#).

Lastly, if you would like support with a project or to share the successes of your project team, contact the Research and Evaluation team at MNMHResearch@health.qld.gov.au.

Best wishes

Kathryn