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| Mental Health Bulletin 84 |
| Infant, Child & Family Area Mental Health and Wellbeing (ICFAMHW) Locals  Supersedes MH Bulletin 66 |
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## Purpose

To provide guidance for the reporting of activity of mental health consumers attending a Children’s Health & Wellbeing Local (Child Locals) – previously referred to as Infant, Child & Family Wellbeing Hubs/Locals.

## Overview

Three Children’s Health & Wellbeing Locals received ongoing funding through the 2021/22 Victorian State budget. Upon their establishment in 2022, the Child Locals were block funded and provided with hours-based targets for each of the three providers within the Child Locals (community health, mental health and family services). These ICY MH Locals commenced operation at Loddon (Bendigo), Southern Melbourne (Monash) and Brimbank-Melton (RCH).

## Activity Data Reporting

As a consequence of three different funding streams and targets, Child Locals were to report activity through three different systems:

* Community Health Minimum Dataset (CHMDS) for community services
* CMI/ODS for mental health services
* IRIS for family services.

The recent Phase 1 evaluation of the Child Locals completed by the Centre for Evaluation Research and Evidence (CERE) recommended reform to the funding and reporting arrangements for these services to better meet the intent of the Royal Commission for integrated service delivery.

The recording of new client data or service activity (mental health service hours and mental health parenting programs) through CMI/ODS is no longer required from 1 October 2024. This change will take effect from October 2024, but Child Locals should manage the transition away from CMI/ODS over a suitable timeframe during the remainder of 2024-25.

The service hour targets applicable to this program (mental health service hours and mental health parenting programs) will no longer be reflected in the total hour targets to be delivered by the Infant, Child and Youth Area Mental Health and Wellbeing Services in 2024-25, from the beginning of Q2 2024-25.

Mental health community service hours and mental health parenting program hours will be reported manually until changes are made to the CHMDS from 1 July 2025. Shortly further details on this interim arrangement will be sent to the executive of the lead organisations for the Child Locals, from the Mental Health and Wellbeing Division of the department.

## Subcentre / Program in CMI/ODS

The subcentre and program set up to capture data for the Infant, Child & Family Area Mental Health & Wellbeing (ICFAMHW) locals are to be end dated and no further activity to be reported in CMI/ODS.

Activity for the group parenting programs run on behalf of the Child Locals is also to cease being recorded in CMI/ODS.

# For More Information

# Further information about the correct use of CMI/ODS can be found on the Victorian Government’s website. In particular, see the sections on; Registration of Clients, CMI/ODS Service Contacts and Subcentre/Program Maintenance. <https://www.health.vic.gov.au/research-and-reporting/bulletins-and-program-management-circulars-pmc>

# For any queries relating to CMI/ODS data reporting or program setup please email: [MHDReporting@health.vic.gov.au](mailto:MHDReporting@health.vic.gov.au)

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