1. *Connecting Care to Recovery - A Plan for Queensland’s State Funded Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug Services 2016-2021* (the Plan) provides an overarching framework to link significant new initiatives and ensure their coordination and integration within an ongoing program of mental health, alcohol and other drug reforms for the State.
2. The Plan aligns with the directions articulated in *My health, Queensland’s future: Advancing health 2026* under the *Queensland Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol Strategic Plan 2014-2019,* for the Department of Health to develop a plan for mental health, alcohol and other drug services.
3. The Plan sets the direction and highlights priorities and investment to enhance the State funded mental health, alcohol and drug services system, including services procured by Queensland Health across non-government and community managed mental health organisations.
4. The Queensland Government is committed to responding more effectively to individuals with the most severe mental illness or substance misuse, either episodic or persistent. The Plan recognises the capacity of our service system to respond to and treat people with severe, persistent and complex multi-agency needs.
5. The Plan aims to improve outcomes for people with mental illness and substance misuse. It enhances the range of services available for individuals accessing treatment and support and recognises the importance of individuals, carers and their families being actively engaged in all processes, including policy and planning, implantation and service delivery.
6. Cabinet approved the public release of *Connecting Care to Recovery - A Plan for Queensland’s State Funded Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug Services 2016-2021*.
7. *Attachments*
   * [*Connecting Care to Recovery - A Plan for Queensland’s State Funded Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug Services 2016-2021*](Attachments/Plan.PDF)