



Victorian Dual Disability Service

Activities

Clinical

Collaborative assessment and consultation guided through a multi-disciplinary team

Education

Expanding the knowledge base on which interventions and services are established

Training

Building the skills of clinical support staff through purpose designed training programs

Service Development

Working with 21 Victorian specialist Area Mental Health Services developing networks and partnerships to enhance policies and procedures for innovated systems of care

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A statewide specialist mental health service for people with an intellectual disability

Mission

Our health service is based on and driven by our quest for:
Compassion – Justice – Human Dignity – Excellence – Unity



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About the Victorian Dual Disability Service

The Victorian Dual Disability Service is a joint mental health initiative between St. Vincent's Health (Melbourne) and Melbourne Health.

The service is multi disciplinary and operates within the existing mental health framework established in Victoria.

At a state wide level the VDDS is responsible for:

- Developing a model of best practice
- Providing assessment and consultation services to staff within the Victorian Area Mental Health Services
- Promoting access to Victorian Area Mental Health Services for consumers with a dual disability
- Facilitating partnerships and collaborative treatment planning through consultation and liaison

The Victorian Dual Disability Service has been a recipient of the TheMHS Gold Award for Best Specialist Mental Health Service in Australia and New Zealand

Target population

Victorian residents aged 16 years and over who are current consumers of Mental Health Services and have a known or suspected intellectual disability.

Referral process

Contact is welcomed from any source, however referrals for assessment are limited to patients who are either registered or are likely to be registered with the Victorian Area Mental Health Service. Despite this, phone advice is available for people who do not meet these criteria. For more information please visit our website www.vdds.org.au

Referrals & Enquiries

Please contact the VDDS Duty worker on 9288 2950.

Training / Education

The VDDS provides education and training to support the development of professional skills in the assessment, treatment and management of consumers with a known or suspected dual disability.

Training is targeted toward staff employed within the 21 Area Mental Health Services and staff employed in the Psychiatric Disability Rehabilitation and Support Services across the state.

The range of training and educational activities includes:

- General introduction to the service and dual disability
- Role specific training
- Profession specific training
- Disorder specific training
- Academic sessions for undergraduate and postgraduate programs

Training requests

To request training on dual disability or for further information please phone 9288 2950

