

Media Release

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Six new residential eating disorder centres part of new Federal Government investment

The federal Minister for Health Greg Hunt this morning announced \$70.2 million to establish six residential eating disorder centres across Australia.

EDV CEO Jennifer Beveridge said the announcement was the culmination of years of advocacy from eating disorder organisations.

“We know that accessing treatment for eating disorders often comes down to postcode lottery. The state you live determines the type of treatment you have access to. Moving to a more equitable system of care through a coordinated, national approach such as this is a big step in the right direction.”

Two of the six residential centres have already been assigned to WA and the ACT respectively. The other four locations have yet to be announced.

“We welcome the establishment of a residential eating disorder centre in Victoria. Whilst no announcements have been made yet, we will be working closely with our colleagues at The Butterfly Foundation to help ensure Victoria is accounted for in the roll out of these new facilities.” Ms Beveridge said.

This latest announcement is in addition to the historic \$110 million investment into the new MBS item numbers for eating disorders announced in December last year.

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