



Communique to Partners

PCP Transition

On 31 March 2021, the Victorian Department of Health announced the current funding arrangements for the PCP Program would continue until **31 March 2022**. This timeframe allows PCPs and the Department to work together on what the future of the PCP program will look like and how it will integrate with the broader health reform agenda. **PCPs as they currently are, will change.** The Department have ensured that the *high value functions* of PCPs would be maintained and strengthened as part of a more coordinated and integrated approach to prevention and health promotion in our communities.

The High Value Functions proposed, and currently being led or supported by the IEPCP:

- [Local Prevention Planning and Integration](#)
- [Prevention Workforce Development and Capacity Building](#)
- [Enabling Collaborative Leadership/Authorising Environments](#)
- [Developing Resources and Sharing Expertise/Evidence](#)
- [Government Policy into Local/Place-based Action](#)
- [Developing Systems and Processes to measure Impact and Outcome](#)
- [Mobilising Local Responses to Extreme Events](#)

PHASE 1: Current State, Reporting and Analysis

April 2021 – August 2021

We are currently in Phase 1 of the transition. The purpose of this phase is for the Department to conduct a deep dive into PCP operations, including gathering a snapshot of all the high value functions and associated activities across PCPs. Reports that were submitted 16 June 2021, and ongoing discussions, will support and inform the PCP program transition process, and will be used to develop transition plans for each PCP to move into the 'future state' from April 2022. Analysis of this data by the Department is expected to occur by late August 2021. Transition implementation will then commence. (*These dates are notional)

PHASE 2: Transition Implementation

August 2021 – March 2022

The IEPCP will be working to ensure we are maintaining and strengthening our high value functions, in consultation with the Department. During phase 1 & 2, some of our work is expected to come to completion, and resources will be redirected to strengthen ongoing High Value Functions. During this time, PCP future state will be determined by the Department, with a formal announcement, and details to follow on our place in the reform and any work direction. The IEPCP will invite all partners in our catchment, to a **Partner Forum** once this is known.

PHASE 3: Future State

April 2022 – June 2022

Transition to the new structure commences from 1 April 2022 - the Department are aiming for the PCP program to be fully transitioned by June 2022.