

GANNAWARRA LGA – FREE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Information for general practice

Non-urgent referrals (funded by Murray PHN)

GPs can refer directly to the Murray PHN funded providers listed below or to **Medicare Mental Health Phone Service (1800 595 212)** for assessment and onwards referral. All services are free of charge.

Population group	Service
Children (4-12 years)	Liz McDonald Counselling 0438 835 273 reception.lizmcdonald@gmail.com
Age 13 and above <i>Low to High intensity services (*IAR LoC 2-4)</i>	Northern District Community Health 03 5421 1666 admin@scchc.org.au
First Nations Peoples	Mallee District Aboriginal Service 03 5018 4102 sewbreferrals@mdas.org.au
Older persons (available to residents of aged care facilities) <i>Low to High intensity services (IAR LoC 2-3; LoC 4-if episodic)</i>	Echuca Regional Health 03 5485 5800
Psychosocial Services (16+) <i>Moderate to High intensity non-clinical services for people who need psychosocial support (IAR LoC 3-4)</i>	Wellways 1300 111 400 prsmurray@wellways.org.au

Urgent referrals (State funded services)

Call **000** if there is an immediate risk to life or safety including imminent risk of harm to self or others.

Refer to **Bendigo Health Mental Health Triage Line 1300 363 788** (acute and specialist services IAR LoC 5) for people of all ages experiencing or at risk of serious mental health problems where urgent assessment is needed but there is no immediate danger.

Resources

*IAR LoC: Initial Assessment and Referral Level of Care is a nationally consistent framework used to guide referral decisions based on the intensity of mental health support a person may need when first seeking/needing help.

For more detailed guidance, the full Decision Support Tool and to access online training visit: <https://tinyurl.com/IARMurray>

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