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# Overview

October 2022 in Victoria has seen major flooding occur in the Murray, Wimmera, Campaspe, Loddon, Ovens, Goulburn, Avoca, King, Broken, and Maribyrnong rivers, and Seven and Castles creeks with large areas of land inundated. this has impacted agricultural and residential properties.

On 17 October 2022, The Andrews Labor Government is assisting flood-affected communities begin their recovery with extra funding for families, roads and clean-up efforts. To help Victorians in the worst-affected areas of the flood event, up to $15 million will deliver support with housing, health and wellbeing, financial and legal counselling alongside practical assistance with accessing grants and completing paperwork, and advice for business owners whose livelihoods have been affected by the floods.

An investment of $6 million will station Community Recovery Officers in affected LGAs to help identify the recovery needs of individuals and families – making sure communities are getting appropriate support for their unique requirements, and support government to identify if any further support is needed.

# Contact reporting

Services are to record all contacts related to flood response activity against the Flood Response subcentre, ensuring that “first name, last name, DOB and sex” columns are completed for unregistered client contacts.

The new subcentre is only for contact reporting, and not case management, OMs are not required (consumers will be case managed using existing subcentres).

Existing consumers: they remain in their existing care program/subcentre however contacts with those existing consumers would be recorded against this new subcentre if it is being provided by a clinician specific to the flood response.

New consumers: all flood response contact activity is to be recorded in the new subcentre/program.

# Subcentre Setup

Activity connected to consumers presenting to your health services for flood related impacts can be captured using the below subcentre/program creation:

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| **Name** | **Subcentre Type** | **Program Class** | **Ward Type** | **OM Setting** | **Caseload** | **Open Reason** |
| Flood Response – *Service name*  **Split by age** | Community subcentre | Community | Not applicable | Not required | Not Required | Other |

## Program Setup

To ensure consistent and accurate recording of data, services are to create and use the following program setup:

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| **Description** | **Classification** | **Type** | **Target Population** | **Fund Source** | **AMHS** | **Start Date** |
| Flood Response | Community | CG1 Comm, Triage - Child & Adolescent  CG2 Comm, Triage – Adult  CG3 Comm, Triage – Aged Persons | Trauma Victims | (99982) Other DHS Programs | Statewide | 18/10/2022 |

# Further information

This bulletin has been developed by the Mental Health and Drugs Data team. For further information, please email: [MHDReporting@health.vic.gov.au](mailto:MHDReporting@health.vic.gov.au).

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