

Prevention and Recovery Care (PARC) Services Evaluation

Situation: PARC Services form a large part of community-based mental health service provision in Victoria, however to date, there is little empirical evidence of their effectiveness. PARCS aim to: a) provide a service option for people whose treatment and recovery is better suited to an intensive, short-term treatment and support in a residential setting; b) supplement crisis intervention; c) enhance access to inpatient services; d) prevent unnecessary inpatient admissions and provision of an intensively support early discharge alternative; e) minimise trauma and disruption for consumers and carers that may arise from first episode/relapse of mental illness and f) community transition and treatment plans to be consolidated

Assumptions: Increasing the evidence base for PARCS is important for informing service improvement and defining best practice.

