



The Victorian Collaborative Centre  
For Mental Health & Wellbeing

# COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE: PSYCHOLOGISTS IN INPATIENT SETTINGS

## A SNAPSHOT FROM SEP 2024 TO SEP 2025

### ESTABLISHED Sep 2024



A statewide CoP for psychologists in inpatient settings across Victorian Public Mental Health and Wellbeing Services



### 102 (approx.)

### PSYCHOLOGISTS

work in mental health inpatient settings statewide

### COP MEMBERSHIP

12/21 services represented  
40 Members  
17% Regional  
83% Metro



### MEETINGS

7 meetings held  
11 members on average per meeting

### ACHIEVEMENTS

- Created a shared space for peer learning and support
- Developed a directory to share roles and expertise, aiding collaboration and reducing duplication



### 4.6 OUT OF 5 AVERAGE MEMBER RATING

### FEEDBACK HIGHLIGHTS

- "A great space for connecting, sharing challenges, and exchanging resources with inpatient psychologists."
- "Hearing other psychologists' experiences validated many thoughts and difficulties I've faced in this role."
- "Appreciate the prompts for discussion and chance to hear from others, with embedded research. A really useful space."



### FUTURE GOALS

- Broaden service involvement, especially from regional/rural services
- Grow shared resources and tools
- Additional goals TBD by CoP members



### OUR COLLABORATIVE NETWORK

Thank you to all members and convenors for your commitment to advancing practice and improving consumer outcomes in inpatient settings.

#### Convenors:

Neeraja Shankar, Shiao-Hua Kwong, Rebecca Kam and Amanda Kelly  
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