



Other important contacts if eligibility criteria for GP Liaison Psychiatry Service is not met:



### Medicare Benefits Schedule

Medical practitioners who access the GP Liaison Psychiatry Service may be eligible to claim for remuneration under the Medicare Benefits Schedule. If a case conference is identified by the GP as being appropriate for specific patients, MBS has primary care items under this model, including Multidisciplinary Case Conference Medicare Items for GPs (e.g. Item 739).

The GP Liaison Registrar works closely with GPs, allied health professionals and mental health nurses at GP practices.

The GP Liaison service includes:

- Assessing patients face to face by the registrar, under supervision Consultant Psychiatrist.
- Phone support by registrar/consultant
- Case conferences with registrar and consultant psychiatrist.

#### Acute Care Team

- For advice and management of crisis situation
- Triage service for patients who may require case management (18+ years of age)
- Afterhours telephone crisis support (all age group)
- 1300 642255.

#### CYMHS Access

- Child and Youth Mental Health Service
- Triage service for younger patients who may require case management
- Supports patients <18 years of age
- 07 5635 6392

#### OPMHC

- Older Persons Mental Health Community Team
- For complex geriatric population patients who may require case management
- Supports patients ≥65 years old who have psychiatric needs in addition to age-related complications
- 0 75635 7000

#### AODS

- Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Services
- For substance-related assessment and referral
- Other specialised programs: Needle & Syringe Program, Relapse Prevention Program, Carers' Education & Support, Liver Clinic, Opioid Treatment Clinic
- AODS North (Southport Health Precinct): 07 5687 9119
- AODS South (Palm Beach community clinic): 07 55255701



# GP Liaison Psychiatry Service



*For emergencies, please contact 000*

**GP Liaison Registrar**  
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# What is GP Liaison (GPL) Psychiatry Service?

GPL is a Gold Coast Health Service District initiative, designed to enhance the interface between the Gold Coast Mental Health Service and community GPs. Its aim is to support GPs in the care of patients with identified mental health needs through collaborative care, education, case discussion, and/or joint consultation.

The GP Liaison Psychiatry Service consists of a GP Liaison Psychiatry Registrar (under supervision of a Consultant Psychiatrist) who can offer telephone support or attend the GP practice as required to assist the GP with their patients. The service offers a great contact point for common queries regarding medication optimisation, management strategies, or potential advice on further referral pathways for challenging or high-risk patients. GPL is also a useful source of advice for GPs treating patients who are otherwise not indicated for further case-management by the Mental Health Service but require additional support.



## Model of Service

- Case Conference
- Joint Consultation
- Telephone Support
- Assessment
- Education



## Our Vision

Provide collaborative liaison between GPs and the Mental Health Services

Offer support, consultation, and education for GPs

Enhance the continuity of care of patients involved with the Mental Health Service

Facilitate the re-integration of mental health patients into community care

Increase capacity of GP practices in managing complex psychiatric patients

Improve access and awareness to local mental health service for GPs

## ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Does the patient have an allocated GP?	Yes
Has the patient given informed consent to be involved with the service?	Yes
Will you (the GP) be responsible for the continuing care of the patient?	Yes
Is the patient in a crisis situation?	No
Is the assessment for the purpose of a third party? (e.g. Court, Work Cover)	No
Does the patient require consultations at an aged-care facility?	No
Is the patient being actively case-managed by another mental health team?	No