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What is the Aged Psychiatry Assessment & Treatment Team (APATT)?

The Aged Psychiatry Assessment & Treatment Team is a specialist service for older people with mental health problems. Our aim is to assist older people, who are living in the community, to improve their mental health and wellbeing. We do this by providing home visits, conducting mental health assessments, developing care plans, making referrals and providing follow-up support and consultation.

Who works in the team?

Health care professionals such as psychiatrists, mental health nurses, social workers, occupational therapists and psychologists. Qualified interpreters are engaged if necessary.

BASICS, which is a behavioural consultation service, can also be engaged (if required) for those living in residential homes.

Who can be referred to the team?

People who are:

- aged 65 or over, or younger people with ageing-related illnesses
- living in the APATT catchment area (see page 6 of brochure)
- having significant disturbance of thoughts, mood or perception; or
- severe behavioural and/or psychological symptoms of dementia.
How to refer someone
Anyone can make a referral by phoning our Centralised Triage Service on 1300 874 243. Referrals can be made by yourself, your family/carer, your local doctor, or a representative on your behalf.

What happens if you are referred to APATT?
If you are referred to APATT, a team member will:
- visit you in your home or where you live
- interview you and assess your mental health status
- develop a care plan in consultation with you, your family/carers, and local doctor
- provide follow-up support, referrals to other services, and further reviews if needed.

How does the team relate to your local doctor?
Your local doctor (GP) will remain your primary health care professional. APATT will communicate with your psychiatrist/psychologist, if one is involved.

What rights do you have if you are referred?
If you are referred to APATT, you have the right to:
- be informed that a referral has been made
- be treated with respect
- choose to have someone present during the interview
- have a qualified interpreter present if required
- express your own views and preferences
• be informed of any outcomes and decisions
• be consulted on any test/treatment
• refuse to have an assessment or tests/treatment unless there is a significant risk to yourself or others, in which case interventions may take place in accordance with the Mental Health Act or the Guardianship & Administration Act
• provide feedback or complain about the service.

Your information and privacy
To provide an effective service, it is necessary for us to collect and record personal and health information. Any information we collect will be treated confidentially. We will only disclose confidential information to the parties who are directly involved in your treatment and care.

The team may ask you to authorise the release of your information to another health service or organisation. This authorisation must be in the form of a written consent signed by you.

Your feedback
We welcome any feedback about our service, as this will help us improve our service. Feedback may be given in verbal or written form. If you would like to provide written comments, please ask for a ‘Tell Us What you Think’ feedback form from any team member. You can also contact the APATT Manager to provide feedback.
How to refer:

Please phone Centralised Triage to discuss all referrals:
1300 874 243 (24 hours)

Catchment area:

Mid West- South West APATT
  City of Brimbank
  City of Hobsons Bay
  City of Hume (Sunbury only)
  City of Maribyrnong
  City of Melton
  City of Wyndham

North West- Inner West APATT
  City of Hume
  City of Melbourne
  City of Moonee Valley
  City of Moreland

Northern APATT
  City of Banyule
  City of Darebin (Preston Area)
  City of Nillumbik
  City of Whittlesea
# Contact Details

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