



About Forensicare

Forensicare is Victoria's leading provider of forensic mental health care. We work to meet the needs of consumers with serious mental illnesses across the justice system, mental health sectors and the community.

Our services deliver a range of mental health programs targeted at patients with different needs at different stages of recovery; from early intervention and prevention, inpatient care, rehabilitation and community transition support. These services are delivered through:

- Thomas Embling Hospital, a secure mental health hospital
- Prison Mental Health Services
- Community Forensic Mental Health Service

We also work in partnership with Swinburne University of Technology through the Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science to deliver a forensic mental health research program, specialist training and ongoing professional education.



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COMMUNITY FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE



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The Community Forensic Mental Health Service (CFMHS) is the community arm of Forensicare. It provides a range of programs and services including for:

- people who have a serious mental illness and have offended, or are at high risk of serious offending.
- people who present with a range of serious problem behaviours

What we do

CFMHS provides both direct clinical care and a range of services to support the care and management of these groups through the mental health and justice service systems.

Our programs

Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Consultation

Assessment and advice is provided for people referred from other health related services who have a serious mental illness and have offended, or are at risk of serious offending.

Community Treatment and Transition Program

The Community T&TP assists people with a serious mental illness in their transition from Thomas Embling Hospital back into the community.

Problem Behaviour Program

The Problem Behaviour Program provides psychiatric and psychological assessment and treatment for people with a range of 'problem' behaviours associated with offending and for whom services are not available elsewhere.

More specifically, the program is directed at individuals known to have recently engaged in or at risk of engaging in one or more 'problem behaviours' including:

- serious physical violence
- threats to kill or harm others
- stalking (repeated unwanted contact)
- adult sexual assault and rape
- pedophilia
- other problematic sexual behaviour related to offending (e.g. indecent exposure)
- collection and possession of child exploitation material including internet child pornography
- fire-setting

Forensicare Serious Offender Consultation Service

The Forensicare Serious Offender Consultation Service (F-SOCS) supports Community Correctional Services (CCS) and Mental Health Services in the management of offenders on or transitioning to a Parole, Community Corrections Order or Post Sentence Supervision Order.

Offenders must have a history of serious violent and/or sexual offending and an established (or suspected) diagnosis of Serious Mental Illness, where engagement with mental health services is non-existent or problematic.

Community Corrections Order Screening Program

The Community Corrections Order Screening Program provides specialist mental health screening assessments and recommendations to the Court to assist Magistrates when they are considering placing a mental health condition on a Community Corrections Order.

Forensic Clinical Specialist Program

The Forensic Clinical Specialist Program builds forensic expertise and capacity in Victoria's mental health services. Forensicare coordinates this statewide network. For more information contact the Forensic Clinical Specialist Program Coordinator.

Victorian Fixated Threat Assessment Centre

The Victorian Fixated Threat Assessment Centre is a joint service of Victoria Police and Forensicare. It aims to provide a structured and coordinated approach to respond to serious threats of violence posed by people with complex needs including mental illness.

Youth Justice Mental Health Program

The Youth Justice Mental Health Program improves the outcomes for young people in the Youth Justice System through better access to co-ordinated mental health and youth justice services. For more information contact the Youth Justice Mental Health Program Co-ordinator.

Non-Custodial Supervision Order Consultation and Liaison Program

Non-Custodial Supervision Orders are made by a court under the Crimes (Mental Impairment and Unfitness to be Tried) Act 1997. This program supervises NCSOs on behalf of the court and provides, liaison, education and clinical consultation to area mental health services to support their role in the treatment and management of clients on Non-Custodial Supervision Orders. For information contact the Non-Custodial Supervision Order Clinical Coordinator.

Mental Health Court Liaison Service

Mental health clinicians provide assessments and advice to the court, and facilitate linkages to relevant services, for people with a serious mental illness presenting in court. The Mental Health Court Liaison Service operates at Melbourne, Ringwood, Heidelberg, Dandenong, Frankston, Broadmeadows and Sunshine Magistrates' Courts.

Pre Sentence Court Reports

Forensicare provides psychiatric and psychological pre-sentence reports at the request of Magistrates and Judges, in cases where mental disorder or problem behaviours may be relevant in sentencing. Requests for court reports are only accepted via the courts.

Professional Training and Workshops

CFMHS provides an annual training calendar of workshops aimed at a wide variety of professional backgrounds. Tailored training packages and sessions can be arranged upon request. For more information contact the Training Co-ordinator or visit www.forensicare.vic.gov.au/training/

More information

To find out more about our programs or to enquire about referrals, contact CFMHS on 03 9947 2500. Our intake service is available 9am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.