

## **POLICIES**

### **POLICIES for Treatment of Mental Disorders**

#### **[5] Early Treatment**

- a) Universal Health, Welfare and Education agencies in the community. [Tier 1]
- b) Private practitioners and Community Mental Health services [Tier 2]
- c) Specialist Mental Health Services [Tier 3]

#### **[5 b ] Private practitioners and Community Mental Health services.**

MHYFVic advocates that specialist mental health assessment and treatment should only be undertaken by professionals who have been adequately trained by accredited training programs covering a sufficient range of evidence-based therapies.

MHYFVic advocates that treatment should only be undertaken after an adequate bio-psycho-social assessment and appropriately formulated management plan.

MHYFVic advocates that Medicare funding should support provision of a treatment program commensurate with clinical standards.

MHYFVic advocates that Intake/Assessment and short-term treatment should be undertaken in Tier Two Community Mental Health services by specialists from Tier Three services.

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