



Coordinated Commissioning

Frequently Asked Questions

Following webinar 1 September 2026

Proposed commissioning approach

1. Just confirming in areas where there are three programs you can pick to go for one or two?

Yes, where three programs are available in a location, providers may choose to submit a response to deliver one, two or all three programs. The aim is to improve coordinated delivery of supports and services for young people and families across WA communities. Regardless of the number of programs an organisation applies to deliver, respondents should demonstrate how their service model and delivery approach will complement, coordinate and interface with other relevant services and supports operating within the location to achieve positive outcomes for young people and families.

2. Are there new services?

No, not necessarily. At Risk Youth, Home Stretch WA and Target 120 are all currently existing services. These are the services that are in scope for this coordinated commissioning approach.

3. Can you give a bit more info about why metropolitan services will not be commissioned together?

Following a consistent consideration process across all locations, drawing on stakeholder engagement, local data and context, current understanding and current service delivery it was indicated that starting in the proposed regions was a good starting point to trial this coordinated commissioning approach. Learnings will be used to consider implementation to particular locations, particularly Perth metropolitan services, and further support implementation of the strategy. At this point in time Perth metropolitan services will not be commissioned together.

4. Will the current Home Stretch WA Perth metro be considered for the coordinated commissioning approach?

Following stakeholder engagement and consideration of local data, context and existing service delivery arrangements, it was determined that the proposed regional locations would provide a suitable starting point to test the coordinated commissioning approach. Learnings from this process will help inform future consideration of the approach in other locations, including the Perth metropolitan area. As such, metropolitan services are not currently proposed to be commissioned together.

5. Will there be separate commissioning for ACCOs?

The procurement approach has not yet been determined. At this stage, Department of Communities (Communities) are not proposing separate commissioning processes for ACCOs and non-ACCOs. As part of the coordinated commissioning approach, Communities intend to undertake further engagement with stakeholders in the proposed locations to inform the future commissioning and procurement approach. Any potential procurement arrangements, including opportunities relating to ACCOs, will be considered through this engagement process.

6. Can we get a copy of the PowerPoint?

A copy of the [presentation slides](#) are now available on the webpage.

7. Are all areas going to open competitive tenders?

The procurement approach has not yet been determined. As part of the proposed coordinated commissioning approach, Communities intend to undertake further engagement with stakeholders in the proposed locations to help inform future commissioning and procurement arrangements.

At this stage, it has not been decided whether all locations will be subject to an open competitive tender process. More information regarding the procurement approach and any associated requirements will be provided when approved procurement commences, which is anticipated to occur in early 2027.

8. Just to confirm that commissioning process will not commence until early 2027?

More information will be provided when approved procurement commences, which is anticipated to occur in early 2027.

9. For services that are not currently delivering these programs, are they able to be considered for the commissioning next year?

Yes. Further engagement and information will be provided on the proposed commissioning approach, and there will be opportunities for organisations to apply to deliver services within the proposed coordinated commissioning locations. Existing delivery of these programs is not a prerequisite for participation in future procurement processes.

10. Will there be any further engagement within Katanning? Will there be continuing engagement with Katanning?

Katanning is not currently proposed as a location for the coordinated commissioning approach and, therefore, there is no immediate planned engagement specific to Katanning.

Following the sector information sessions for the proposed coordinated commissioning locations, further information will be provided regarding locations not included in the proposed approach. More information will also be provided when approved procurement commences, which is anticipated to occur in early 2027.

11. Will there continue to be restrictions on the number of services you can tender for, as it was discussed initially for Homestretch?

Where coordinated commissioning is proposed, service providers may choose to apply to deliver one, two or three programs within the relevant location. More

information regarding any procurement requirements, including any limitations on service delivery arrangements, will be provided when approved procurement commences, which is anticipated to occur in early 2027.

Funding

12. How is funding impacted by this? Will less funding be available if rolled into one contract?

The available funding will be confirmed as part of the approved procurement process and will be applicable to the number of programs a provider is contracted to deliver. More information regarding funding arrangements will be provided when the approved procurement commences, which is anticipated to be in early 2027.

At Risk Youth

13. Can I clarify that At Risk Youth programs continue through current programs at this time.

At present, existing At Risk Youth programs continue to operate under their current funding and service arrangements. Communities are still considering future options and will provide further information as soon as possible. Communities understand the uncertainty this may create for services and appreciate stakeholders' patience while this work is being progressed. Further information will be shared once any decisions have been made.

14. Given that the At Risk Youth programs continue through current programs at this time as the commissioning approach has not been finalised, are you expecting extension of existing contracts as we will need to prepare our 2027/28 budget prior to the information from Communities?

At present, existing At Risk Youth programs continue to operate under their current funding and service arrangements which are scheduled to cease 30 September 2027. As the future commissioning approach has not yet been finalised, Communities are not currently in a position to provide advice regarding any potential extension of existing contracts. Further information will be provided as soon as decisions are made.

15. I thought that Kununurra received all three programs, it seems that At Risk Youth has disappeared?

At Risk Youth services in Kununurra have not disappeared and remain an important service within the local community. The future commissioning approach for At Risk Youth services has not yet been finalised and continues to be considered. Further information regarding At Risk Youth future arrangements will be provided as this work progresses.

16. Will the At Risk Youth funding increase for locations that have had an increase of need?

While Communities recognise that levels of need may change over time, the procurement process will be undertaken within the available funding allocation.

Target 120**17. Will Target 120 be considered for additional locations other than existing locations.**

At the moment, Communities are working within our current locations and our current funding parameters, there is no expansion considered, just current existing locations.

18. Is there an official evaluation report available for Target 120?

The release date for the evaluation report is yet to be determined. Stakeholders will be advised should a decision be made to publicly release the report.

19. For communities that don't have access to Target 120 at this stage, but have high rates of disengagement and social gaps amongst young people, is there an opportunity for those communities to access Target 120? or, is there no option for the growth of Target 120 into those areas?

Target 120 is currently delivered across 20 sites in Western Australia, with service delivery restricted to defined geographical catchment areas. Residing within a Target 120 location is one of the program's eligibility requirements, therefore, young people residing outside of these locations are not eligible to access the program. While there are no planned expansions of the program at this stage, future expansion may be considered through future planning and funding processes.

20. Further to the other question in regards to Target 120, if there is a local place based solution in place, is there an option for those projects (such as Arclight in Kwinana) to enter the longer-term funding partnerships? In regards to the detached youth funding, would that be considered under this commissioning arrangement? Wasn't entirely sure what was meant by the statement earlier in the presentation about the programs that sit outside the scope on the screen.

Programs and funding arrangements that are not within the scope of the coordinated commissioning process continue under their existing arrangements. Any future changes or opportunities may be considered in response to emerging service demand and identified community needs. Communities recognise the importance of providing clarity to stakeholders and will endeavour to communicate further information as soon as possible should this approach change or further considerations arise.