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MENTAL HEALTH (CHAPTER 12)

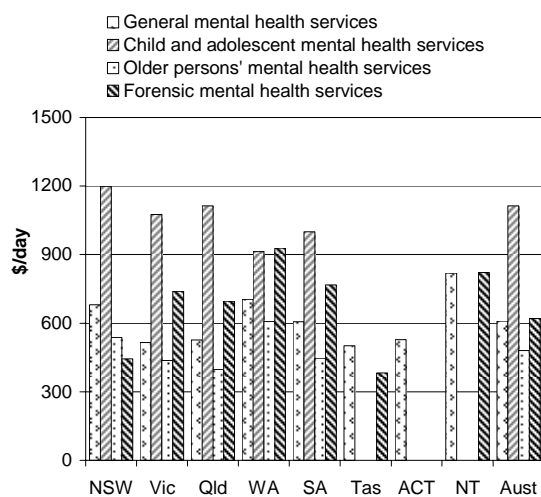
- The focus of this chapter is on the performance of governments in managing two key health issues: breast cancer and mental health. This Fact Sheet focuses on the performance of governments in managing mental health disorders through specialist mental health care services that treat mostly low prevalence but severe disorders.
- Real government recurrent expenditure of around \$4.1 billion was allocated to mental health services in 2005-06. State and Territory governments made the largest contribution (\$2.7 billion, or 64.4 per cent), although this included some Australian Government funds under the Australian Health Care Agreements (p. 12.40). The Australian Government funded the remainder (\$1.5 billion, or 35.6 per cent) (tables 12A.21 and 12A.22).

Broad aims of the National Mental Health Strategy

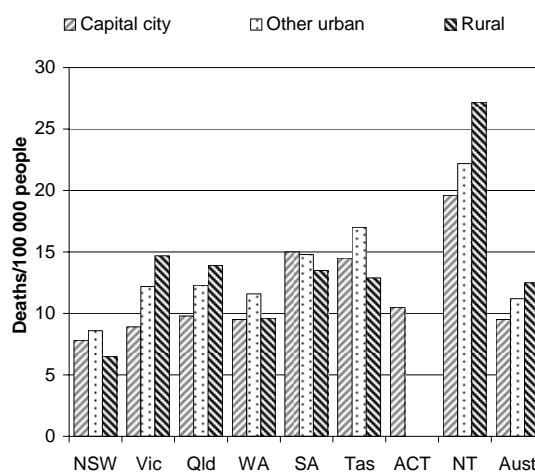
- The broad aims of the National Mental Health Strategy include to: improve the effectiveness and quality of service delivery and outcomes; promote, where appropriate, community awareness of mental health problems; prevent, where possible, the development of mental health problems and mental disorders; undertake, where appropriate, early intervention of mental health problems and mental disorders; reduce, where possible, the impact of mental disorders on individuals, families and the community; assure the rights of persons with mental disorders.

Selection of results

Average recurrent cost per inpatient bed day, public hospitals, by inpatient program type^a (p. 12.66)

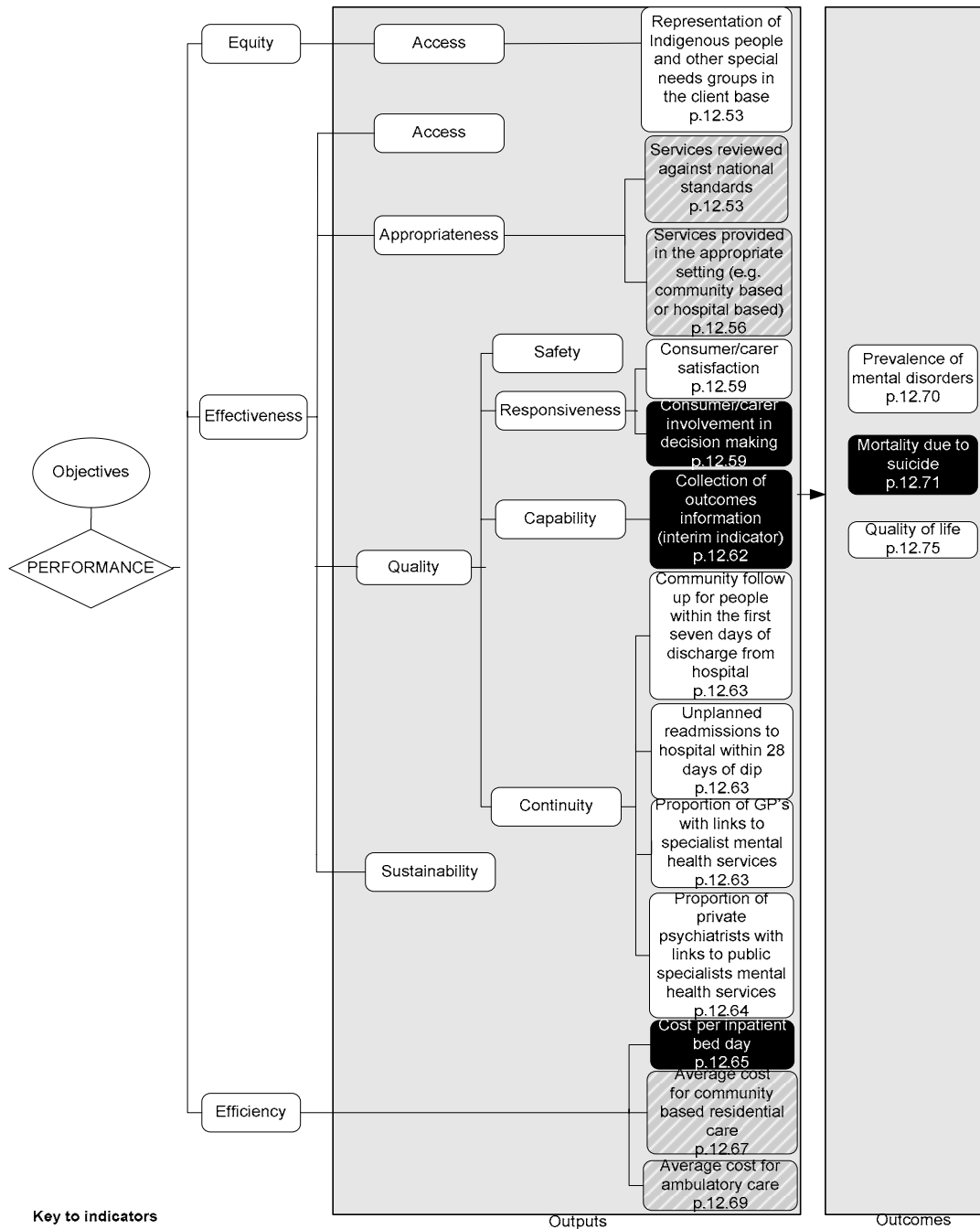


Suicide rate, by area^a (p. 12.74)



^a Data and caveats for these figures are available electronically on the CD-ROM enclosed with the Report and from the website for the Review of Government Service Provision (<http://www.pc.gov.au/gsp/reports/rogs/2008>). Data may be subject to revision. The most recent data will be available on the Review website.

Performance indicators for mental health services (figure 12.27, p. 12.52)



Key to indicators

- Text** Data for these indicators comparable, subject to caveats to each chart or table
- Text** Data for these indicators not complete or not directly comparable
- Text** These indicators yet to be developed or data not collected for this Report: chapter contains explanatory text

Developments in reporting since the 2007 Report

- Data for Indigenous people on levels of psychological distress (K5) have been included.

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