



Individual Placement and Support Trial (IPS)

Budget 2020-21

The Australian Government is committing \$45.7 million over three years to extend the Individual Placement Support (IPS) Trial, which supports young people up to the age of 25 with a mental health condition to participate in the workforce.

What was announced in the Budget 2020-21?

The Individual Placement Support (IPS) Trial will be expanded to include 26 new headspace sites, taking the total to 50 sites nationally.

The IPS model targets vulnerable young people with mental illness who are at risk of long-term welfare dependency because they disengage from education and employment.

The funding boost of \$43 million over three years will support an additional 2,500 young people who require mental health support to get into employment or further education.

Through the Trial, vocational assistance is integrated with clinical mental health and non-vocational support services.

Key facts

The IPS Trial was first announced in the 2015-16 Budget as part of the broader Youth Employment Strategy aimed at tackling high youth unemployment.

Since commencing in 2016 in 14 headspace sites across Australia, the IPS Trial has grown to include 24 selected headspace sites across the country. This includes the Digital Work and Study Services that offers similar education and employment support services via a digital platform.

These sites focus on areas with the most need, including disadvantaged local areas and areas with high unemployment rates across Australia.

To be eligible to participate in the Trial, people must:

- be a young person aged up to 25 years with a mental health condition
- be an eligible client of headspace in the participating Trial site
- have employment, education or training goals and be facing barriers to achieving these goals
- be willing to participate in the service and able to make an informed decision to participate.

More information

For more information about this measure and other Department of Social Services' Budget measures, visit the [Department of Social Services](https://www.dss.gov.au) website ([dss.gov.au](https://www.dss.gov.au)).

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