

OFFICERS' ADVICE**YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH**

Submitting Councillor: Mayor, Cr Klisaris

MOTION

That Council:

- 1. Acknowledges the headspace advocacy undertaken to date;*
- 2. Acknowledges the increase of mental health services for young people in Monash;*
- 3. Acknowledges the letter received from Wendy Black, Chief of Staff from the Office of Hon Greg Hunt MP, Minister for Health; and*
- 4. Write to Julia Banks MP seeking her support to advocate for funding for a headspace in Monash and to make representation to the Honourable Greg Hunt MP, Minister for Health and Ageing and her parliamentary colleagues for this funding.*

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Costs associated with the promotional campaign are within MYS budget.

IMPACT ON INTERNAL RESOURCES

If the motion is passed, Council officers will assume the duties required to develop promotional campaign as part of their role within Council.

COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICIES

This report is supported by the A Healthy and Resilient Monash: Integrated Plan, Action Plan Year 1, 2017-2018 "Advocate for youth mental health services to be based in and serve the City of Monash".

RELEVANCE TO WORK ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BY OFFICERS OR COMMITTEES

The Notice of Motion is the continuation of improving Mental Health Services for young people in Monash.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

All agencies have now committed their service to the Youth Mental Health Hub through the signing of individual agreements. Officers would like to proceed with a promotional campaign to ensure that the community is aware of the Hub and service usage is maximised. A promotional campaign would include:

- Development of promotional material in conjunction with partner agencies and young people.
- Utilisation of print and social media (Monash Bulletin, Leader Newspaper Facebook and Instagram).
- Distribution of promotional material to youth specific agencies, organisations and clubs throughout Monash.