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Question:

Please provide an update on the special projects around borderline personality disorders that have occurred in recent years. Is this work continuing?

Answer:

The Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD) Expert Reference Group (ERG) was established as a time-limited group from April 2010 to 30 June 2012. The ERG provided its advice to the then government in the report Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD): A Strategic approach to Service Development in September 2012.

The National Health and Medical Research Council developed a Clinical Practice Guideline for Management of Borderline Personality Disorder (*BPD*), which was released in March 2013 and in June 2013 an accompanying BPD reference guide for health professionals was also released.

The Australian Government has tasked the National Mental Health Commission to assess the effectiveness of all existing mental health programmes across both government and non-government sectors. This process will identify gaps in both mental health research and workforce development and training and will ensure services are being properly targeted at patients, are not being duplicated and not being unnecessarily burdened by red tape.