

# Senior Aboriginal Health Education Officer Violence, Abuse & Neglect (VAN)

**Department:** Western Sydney Local Health District

**Location:** Mount Druitt

**Classification:** Senior Health Education Officer Graduate (Aboriginal Identified)

**Employment Status:** Permanent Full-Time

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## Purpose of position:

The Senior Aboriginal Health Education Officer –Violence, Abuse & Neglect (VAN) is responsible for community development, health promotion, and community education in relation to sexual assault, domestic violence and child protection. The position will be based at the Aboriginal Health Hub and will work in partnership with Integrated Violence Prevention & Response Service (IVPRS) and other relevant services within WSLHD to ensure appropriate access to and delivery of culturally respectful and responsive programs to address intergenerational trauma and violence, abuse and neglect issues for the Aboriginal community in Western Sydney.

The Senior Aboriginal Health Education Officer –VAN is a key position in establishing trust and building relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, and violence, abuse, and neglect services in WSLHD. They will play a vital part in navigating Aboriginal people through the IVPRS and other systems relating to violence, abuse and neglect.

The position will provide support, mentoring and leadership to (IVPRS) staff and other counselling / social work services across WSLHD around transgenerational trauma, social and emotional wellbeing for Aboriginal people in WSLHD and partner organisations. It will also contribute to all forms of health promotion and health service planning. The role will develop and maintain relationships with key service providers and community organisations.

## Essential Criteria:

**Checks:** National Police Check & Working With Childrens Check

**Qualification:** Tertiary related qualifications in health sciences, social sciences, or related field

**Evidence of Diversity claim:** Confirmation of Aboriginality

## Selection Criteria:

1. This is an identified Aboriginal Position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander descent, have demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander cultures and have established links with their local Aboriginal community. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, NSW*.
2. Tertiary qualifications in social sciences, health, or related field and experience in working in health service delivery to the Aboriginal community and / or violence, abuse and neglect services with Aboriginal communities.
3. Demonstrated experience and understanding of issues impacting on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, children, families and community in relation to intergenerational trauma and the impact of violence, abuse and neglect.
4. Demonstrated ability and / or experience in providing social support, linkage to services, group work, community education, and health promotion with the Aboriginal community.
5. Demonstrated experience to provide culturally responsive health services with individuals, families, children or communities who have experienced sexual assault, violence, abuse and neglect.
6. Demonstrated skills and experience in cultural supervision, mentoring and in leading services to develop and deliver culturally responsive trauma informed services to Aboriginal communities.
7. Demonstrated ability to work autonomously and as a member of a multidisciplinary team with high-level organisational, written, and verbal communication skills and computer skills.
8. Current Drivers licence valid in NSW and the willingness and ability to travel.

**Closing Date: 24 May 2022**

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to [healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com](http://healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com) and search Job Reference Number [REQ306881](#)