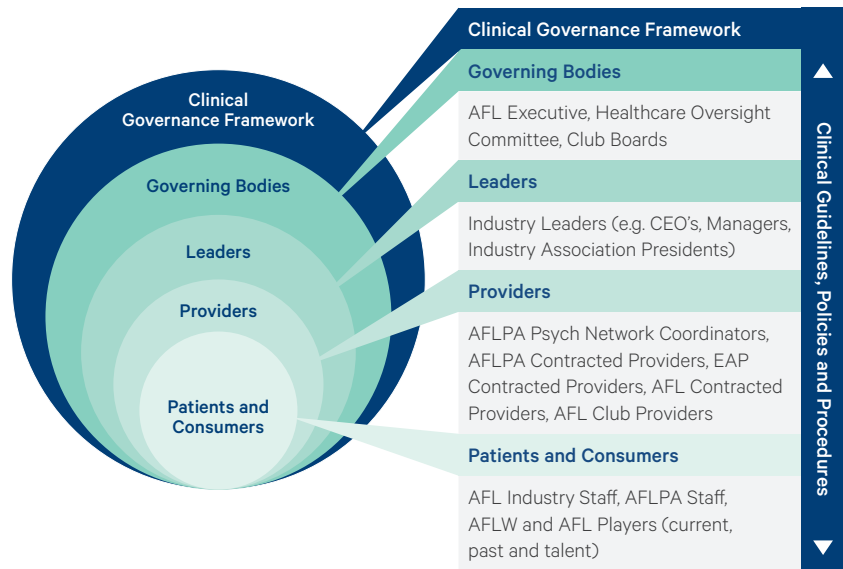


AFL Industry Mental Health Clinical Governance Framework 2020-2022

What is the Framework?

The Framework is a set of guiding principles for the delivery of safe and effective mental healthcare. It ensures that a unified approach to the governance of mental healthcare is adopted by all stakeholders in the AFL industry. The Framework ensures Clinical Governance is part of good corporate governance. It defines the roles of important stakeholders who have a responsibility to deliver or procure mental healthcare providers. It ensures AFL governing bodies, managers and players all have a role in achieving good clinical governance. It outlines principles to inform the development and implementation of clinical guidelines, policies and procedures.



Why has the Framework been developed?

An industry Framework aligns all stakeholders under the same guiding principles of good Clinical Governance to ensure safe and effective mental healthcare.

How will this be achieved?

The Framework will align the industry towards an integrated and consumer centered system of care through:

1. Auditing to identify gaps
2. Research and evaluation for continual improvement
3. Training for capacity development
4. Risk management procedures for safety
5. Health information management to ensure confidentiality
6. Clinical effectiveness to ensure best practice treatment at the right time
7. Clinical accountability and credentialed providers for transparent and trusted care



Next steps?

Clubs

- ▶ Adopt a Clinical Governance model informed by the Framework
- ▶ Establish the healthcare team organizational structure
- ▶ Establish reporting line to Club Board

The AFL Healthcare Oversight Committee

- ▶ Monitor (audit) the implementation and performance of clinical governance models
- ▶ Provide leadership, support and direction
- ▶ Identify and respond to emerging clinical quality or safety risks
- ▶ Disseminate policies and procedures informed by the Framework

▶ The AFL Mental Health Team

- ▶ Establish minimum accreditation standards for the industry workforce
- ▶ Monitor credentialing of industry workforce to ensure they can fulfil their clinical governance responsibilities
- ▶ Disseminate policies and procedures informed by the Framework