

Appendix 1: Relationship between original evaluation framework and current evaluation questions

ORIGINAL EVALUATION FRAMEWORK		CURRENT EVALUATION QUESTION(S)
DOMAIN	EVALUATION QUESTION	
1. Access to services	1a. To what extent has the Better Access initiative provided access to mental health care for people with mental disorders? Across all of Australia? Across all age groups	1a, 1b, 1c, 1e
	1b. To what extent has the Better Access initiative provided access to affordable care?	1a, 1b, 1c
	1c. To what extent has the Better Access initiative provided equitable access to populations in need? In particular: people living in rural and remote areas; children and young people; older persons; Indigenous Australians; and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds	1c
2. Appropriateness of services	2d. To what extent has the Better Access initiative provided evidence-based mental health care to people with mental disorders?	-
	2e. To what extent has the better Access initiative provided services that match client needs and expectations?	2a
3. Effectiveness of services	3f. To what extent has the Better Access initiative improved mental health outcomes for people with a mental disorder?	2a
4. Impact on system of mental health care	4g. To what extent has the Better Access initiative provided interdisciplinary mental health care for people with mental disorders?	3b
	4h. To what extent has the Better Access initiative impacted on the use of medications commonly prescribed for treatment of mental disorders, in particular anti-depressant medication?	-
	4i. To what extent has the Better Access initiative impacted on related Medicare Benefits Schedule services?	1d
	4j. To what extent has the Better Access initiative impacted on the supply and distribution of the allied mental health workforce?	3a
	4k. How has the Better Access initiative interacted with other related programs/initiatives, including the Better Outcomes in Mental Health Care program and the More Allied Health Services program?	-
5. Skilled, knowledgeable and integrated workforce	5l. To what extent has the Better Access initiative education and training increased the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge, skills and confidence of GPs in the diagnosis, treatment, management and appropriate referral of people with mental disorders? • Knowledge, skills and confidence of the professionals working together to provide interdisciplinary care 	3b
	5m. To what extent has the Better Access initiative provided access to multidisciplinary education and training for GPs, allied mental health professionals and psychiatrists? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many professionals have been trained? • Has access been equitable? 	3b
	5n. To what extent have consumers and carers participated in the delivery of education and training activities?	-
	5o. To what extent has the Better Access initiative changed the practices of GPs, psychiatrists, allied mental health professionals and paediatricians?	3b