

Lived Experience
Counselling –
Peer Support Worker



## Who can contact the IPC Health Lived Experience Counselling Service?

Victorians aged 18+ years who are experiencing emotional distress and mental ill-health can receive help from the Lived experience Counselling Service. The Service supports people living in the areas of Brimbank, Hobsons Bay, Wyndham, Melton, Bacchus Marsh and Little River

## What type of support can I receive from the Lived Experience Counselling Service?

Lived Experience Peer Support Workers have a lived experience of mental ill-health and of taking the path of recovery. Peer Support Workers apply their lived experience to support others experiencing mental ill-health and guide them with their mental health recovery.

#### Is the Lived Experience Counselling Service a telehealth service only or can you meet with someone face to face?

The Lived Experience Counselling Service is a face to face service however we also provide the option of counselling over the phone or via video call.

### Is Lived Experience Counselling free?

Yes! Lived Experience Counselling is a free and confidential service. If we think you will benefit from support from another service, we will ensure where possible that it is free or low cost.

# Do I have to go to my GP to get a mental health treatment plan before seeking Lived Experience Counselling services?

No, a mental health treatment plan is not required for you to access Lived Experience Counselling

## How can I make a referral to IPC Health Lived Experience Counselling Service?

Call IPC Health on 1300 472 432 to speak with a Lived Experience Counselling Peer Support Worker.