

Your GP has referred you to a psychologist under the Access to Allied Psychological Services (ATAPS) project, funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing, managed locally by GP Network Northside. These psychology services are fully funded by the Australian Government so that you do not pay for the sessions.

Psychology Services

- You are eligible to receive 6 sessions with the psychologist and each consultation is likely to take 50 minutes. If required, you may be referred for additional sessions by your GP.
- The psychologist will give specialist advice and will work closely with you and your GP. Your GP will still be responsible for managing your care, so it is important that you continue to visit your GP as usual. The psychologist will provide a report on your progress to your GP after your last appointment and it is recommended you discuss this with your GP.
- If you are unable to attend an appointment, please notify your psychologist as soon as possible, preferably giving 24 hour notice.

Consent to Collection and Transfer of Information

Your consent is needed for the transfer of your clinical information between your GP and the ATAPS psychologist you are being referred to, which ensures that you receive the most appropriate service.

The Government requires that the ATAPS project be evaluated, so your consent is also needed for the transfer of de-identified information from your psychologist to GP Network Northside. GP Network Northside will report de-identified data such as socio-demographic, clinical and treatment information to the Government for evaluation purposes.

Your personal information will be handled according to Commonwealth and State privacy laws and no details such as name or address, which could identify you personally, will be transferred to GP Network Northside.

If you do not wish to consent to all of your information being shared you are still entitled to receive the service.

If you have questions about the ATAPS project or your confidentiality, please talk to your GP.