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# Western Australian Men's Health and Wellbeing Policy

**A roadmap for healthier  
Western Australian men and boys**

**12 Month Check-Up**

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# Executive Summary

The [Western Australian Men's Health and Wellbeing Policy](#)<sup>1</sup> (the Policy) was designed to provide direction to the Western Australian (WA) health system and its partners to deliver strategies that improve the physical, mental, social and emotional wellbeing of men and boys living in WA. The Policy was released during Men's Health Week in June 2019.

The first anniversary of the launch of the Policy was celebrated during Men's Health Week in 2020. The WA Department of Health continues to work with stakeholders to promote the Policy and its implementation. A 12 Month Check-Up of the Policy was carried out to assist in understanding:

- the level of awareness of the Policy
- men's health and wellbeing related activities that have been carried out in the previous 12 months
- any issues and/or opportunities regarding the Policy that have arisen.

An on-line survey was developed and was open for a period of five weeks (24 August - 25 September 2020). A total of 37 responses were submitted. This 12 Month Check-Up Report details the results of the feedback that was received.

Some key findings related to awareness of the Policy included:

- 62% of respondents indicated they were aware of the Policy
- of the respondents who were aware of the Policy (n=23), 44% attended the launch of the Policy, 35% provided feedback on a draft of the Policy and 35% reported that it was a Policy document used by my organisation or workplace
- 65% of respondents who were aware of the Policy had read either most or all of the content of the Policy
- 83% of respondents who were aware of the Policy were either "somewhat familiar," "moderately familiar" or "extremely familiar" with the content of the Policy.

A variety of activities occurred over the last 12 months to support men's health and wellbeing including:

- activities during Men's Health Week (15-21 June 2020)
- the development of a series of Podcasts to encourage and empower men and the community to take responsibility for improving lives
- a wide variety of community events
- distribution of summary copies of the Policy to community and health providers
- on-line events
- existing support services for men aligned to the Policy's intent
- an on-line directory of services available to men and boys in WA.

Over 75% of respondents believed the Policy was either "moderately useful," "very useful" or "extremely useful" in the domains of reorientating health services, developing personal skills, strengthening community actions, creating supportive environments and building healthy public policy.

Most of the suggestions to improve access to, use or implementation of the Policy related to either promoting the Policy (e.g. to health professionals, community groups and industry) or resourcing of the Policy (e.g. financial support to hold more forums in the community).

Barriers to accessing, using or implementing the Policy included:

- the COVID-19 pandemic
- a lack of awareness of the Policy
- resourcing limitations
- the need for implementation plans.

Although the COVID-19 pandemic led to difficulties in promoting and implementing the Policy, it did provide an opportunity for organisations to develop and reproduce resources on an on-line platform.

Overall, this Report indicates that the majority of respondents were aware of the Policy and most people had some level of familiarity with its content. Despite the challenges of implementing the Policy (especially during the COVID-19 pandemic), a wide variety of men's health and wellbeing events have occurred in the previous 12 months. The feedback was supportive of the purpose of the Policy as it provides a good framework to support the health and wellbeing of men and boys living in WA.



# Background

The Policy was developed by the Health Networks Unit, Clinical Excellence Division, WA Department of Health. The purpose of the Policy is to provide direction to the WA health system and its partners to deliver strategies to improve the physical, mental, social and emotional wellbeing of men and boys living in WA.

The Policy is the first of its kind in WA and outlines the Department of Health's response to the [National Male Health Policy: Building on the strengths of Australian males](#)<sup>2</sup> and the action areas of the then draft National Men's Health Strategy 2020-2030.<sup>3</sup> The final [National Men's Health Strategy 2020-2030](#)<sup>4</sup> has since been released.

The Policy is the result of an intensive phase of research, discussion and consultation with many stakeholders as detailed in the [Western Australian Men's Health and Wellbeing Policy – Community Consultation Report](#).<sup>5</sup>

The Policy was launched in Men's Health Week, 10-16 June 2019. The WA Department of Health provided funding to support six organisations to plan and undertake a men's health event to launch the Policy. These organisations included:

1. Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Service (KAMS), Bidyadanga Men's Wellness Centre
2. Men's Health and Wellbeing WA
3. Yanchep Community Men's Shed
4. Centacare Family Services, Geraldton
5. Wyalkatchem Men's Shed
6. WA AIDS Council

The WA Department of Health supported the implementation of the Policy by communicating it across the WA health system and to all relevant stakeholders. It has assisted with many enquiries from across the sector requesting guidance for implementing the Policy's recommendations and has raised the profile of the Policy via a variety of internal and external promotional opportunities. A copy of the Policy is available on the WA Department of Health [website](#).

## Purpose

The first anniversary of the launch of the Policy was celebrated during Men's Health Week, 15-21 June 2020. The WA Department of Health continues to work with stakeholders to promote the Policy and its implementation.

The WA Department of Health wanted to undertake a 12 Month Check-Up to monitor the Policy and assist in understanding:

- the level of awareness of the Policy
- men's health and wellbeing related activities that have been carried out in the previous 12 months
- any issues and/or opportunities regarding the Policy that have arisen.

This 12 Month Check-Up Report details the results of the feedback that was received.

# Methodology

## Survey

An on-line, self-completion survey was developed to address the aims of the 12 Month Check-Up. A copy of the questionnaire is provided in [Appendix 1](#). Citizen Space was used to design the questionnaire and collect responses. A hard copy of the survey was available on request.

## Distribution of the Survey Link

A link to the survey, inviting individuals or organisations to participate, was distributed via the following mechanisms:

- targeted email to stakeholders - emailed on 24 August 2020
- targeted email to stakeholders: Reminder – emailed on 21 September 2020
- Health Point article – available on 24 August 2020
- Health Networks Bulletin – emailed to over 4000 recipients on 2 September 2020
- Health Point banner (with reference to the Health Point article) – displayed from 27 August – 1 September 2020
- Health Happenings (with reference to the Health Point article) – emailed 27 August 2020
- Health Happenings: Reminder (with reference to the Health Point article) – emailed 3 September 2020
- COVID-19 staff update (with reference to the Health Point article) – emailed on 4 September 2020

Health Point, Health Happenings and the COVID-19 staff update were communicated to WA public health system staff. The text for selected forms of communication is outlined in [Appendix 2](#). The consultation was open to all areas of the WA health system, any organisations and/or individuals. Recipients of the link were encouraged to share the link to the survey with others.

## Data Collection

Data collection for the 12 Month Check-Up was opened on 24 August 2020. The survey was open for a period of five weeks and closed on 25 September 2020.

## Data Analysis

Data from the survey was downloaded from Citizen Space. Quantitative data was analysed using Microsoft Excel. Qualitative data was analysed using thematic analysis to identify recurring themes that represented common views of the respondents.

## Interpretation of Results

The results presented in this Report are predominately a descriptive account of the qualitative and quantitative data. The sum of percentages may not equal 100 due to number rounding.

The methodology undertaken for this survey affects how the results can be interpreted. In particular, generalising results from the survey to the broader population is not appropriate because a selected sample approach has been used.

# Results

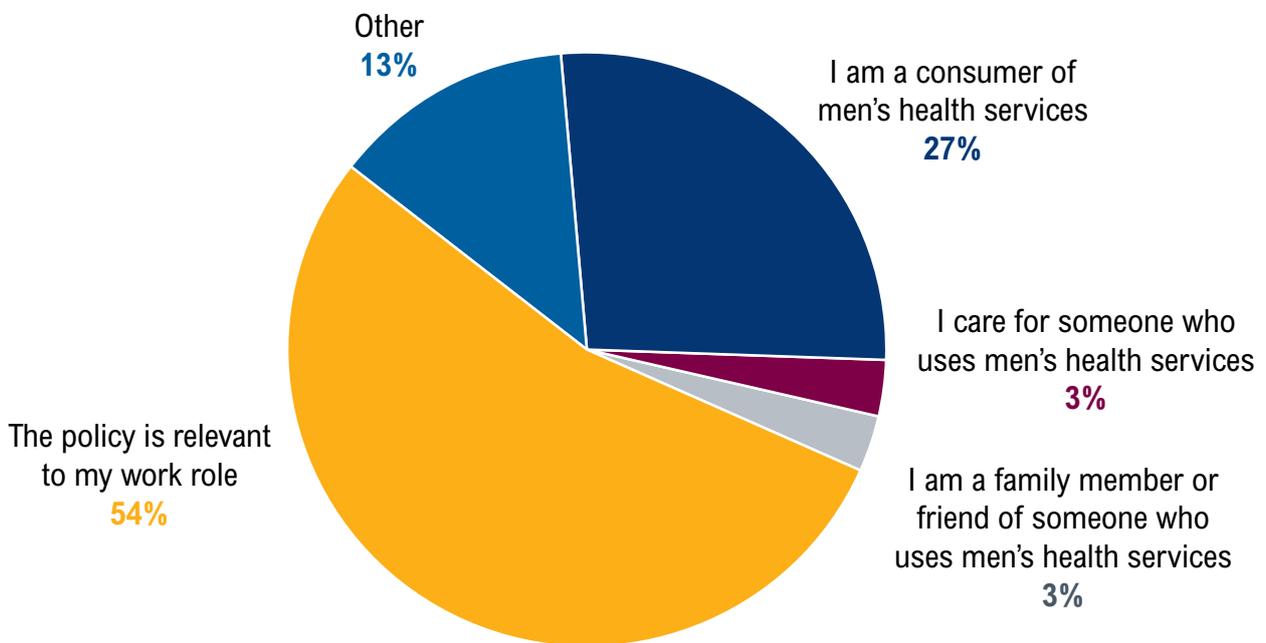
## Responses

A total of 37 responses were received.

## Demographics

Respondents to the survey were asked to provide basic demographic information about their interest in the Policy (Figure 1), whether they were providing feedback from the perspective of an individual or organisation/group and their primary work place of work (Figure 2).

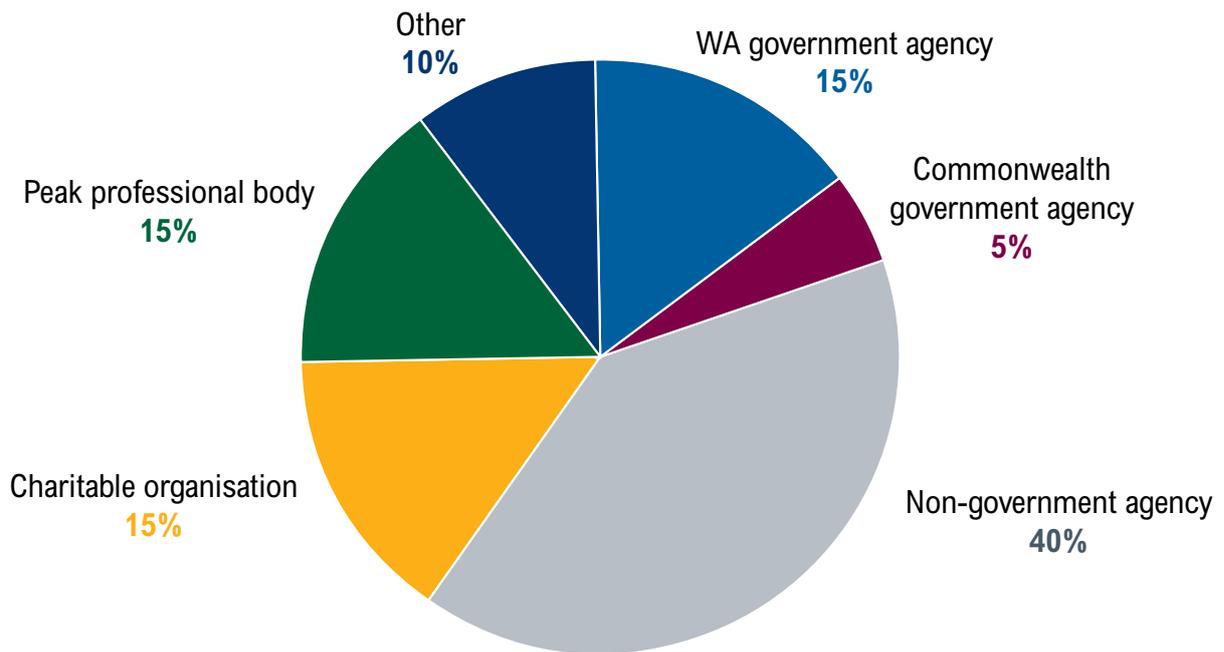
**Figure 1. What category best describes your primary interest in the Western Australian Men’s Health and Wellbeing Policy?**



Most respondents indicated that their primary interest in the Policy was because “the Policy is relevant to my work role” (54%) or that “I am a consumer of men’s health services” (27%). Respondents in the “other” category included representatives of non-government and community organisations.

Of the 20 respondents who indicated that the Policy was relevant to their work role, 50% were providing feedback from an individual perspective and 50% were providing feedback from a group/organisational perspective.

**Figure 2. What category best describes your primary place of work?**

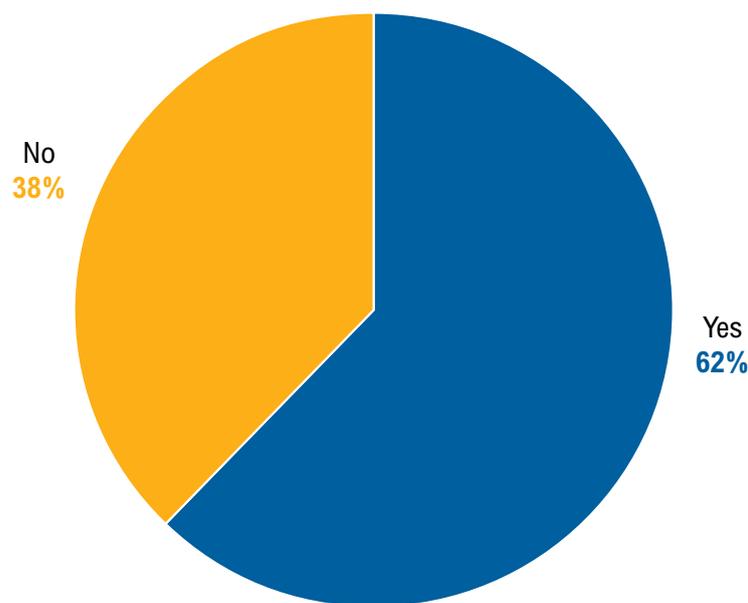


Of the 20 respondents who indicated that the Policy was relevant to their work role, 40% worked for a non-government agency and 15% each worked for either a WA government agency, a charitable organisation or a peak professional body.

### **Awareness of the Policy**

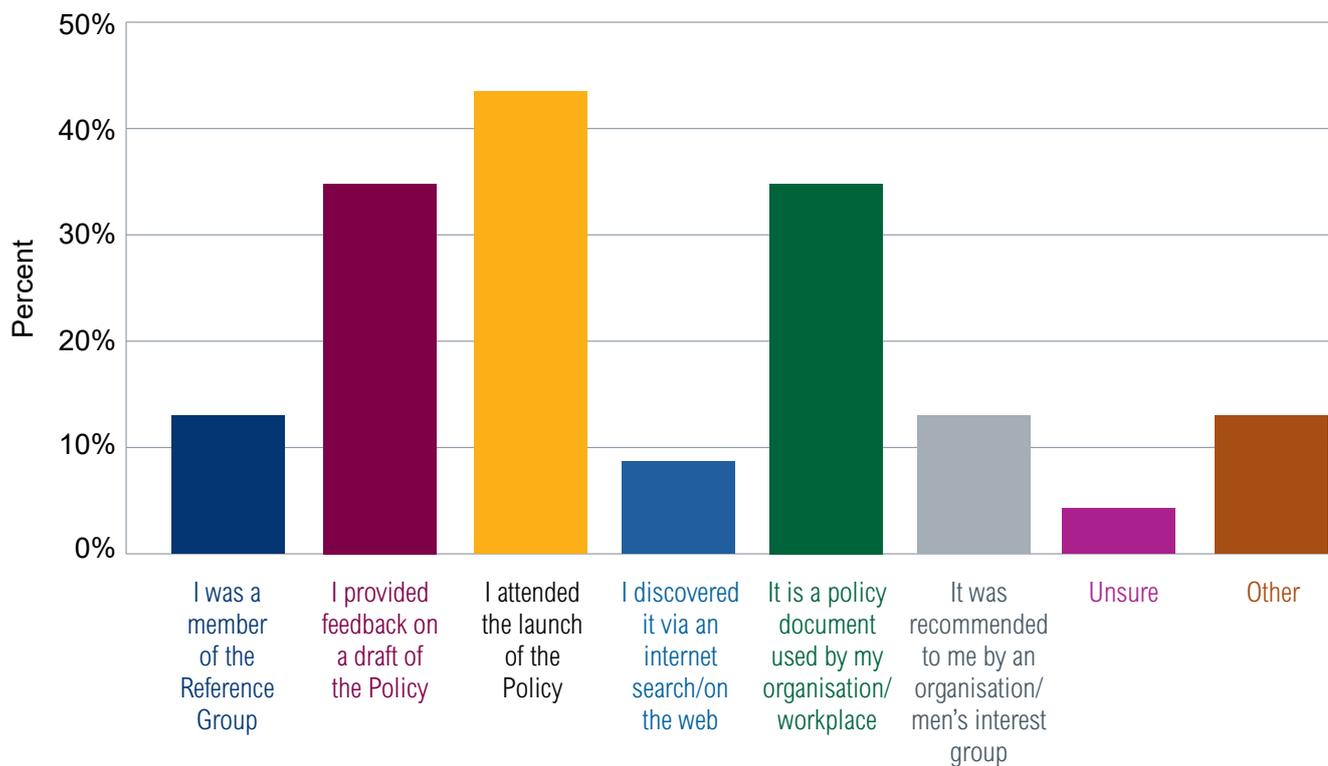
To measure awareness of the Policy, respondents to the survey were asked if they were previously aware of the Policy (Figure 3), how they were made aware of the Policy (Figure 4), how much of the Policy they had read (Figure 5) and familiarity of the content of the Policy (Figure 6).

**Figure 3. Before today, were you aware of the WA Men’s Health and Wellbeing Policy?**



Sixty two percent of respondents indicated they were aware of the Policy.

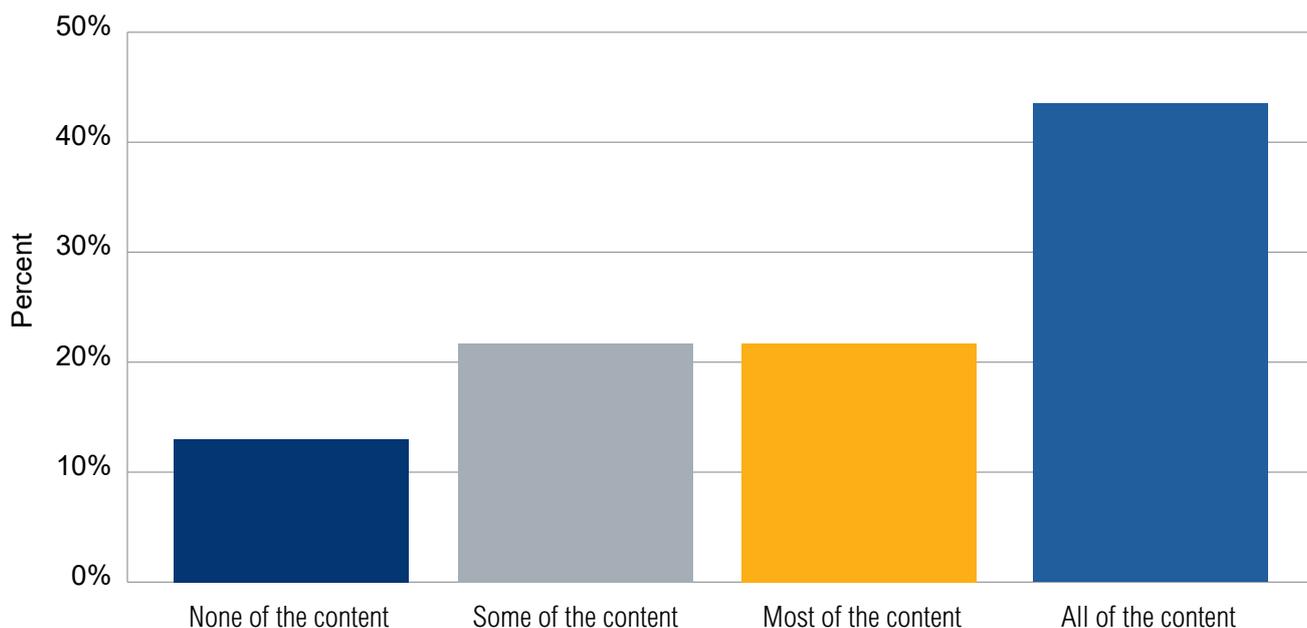
**Figure 4. How were you made aware of the Policy?\***



\* Note: Percentages add up to more than 100% as multiple responses were allowed.

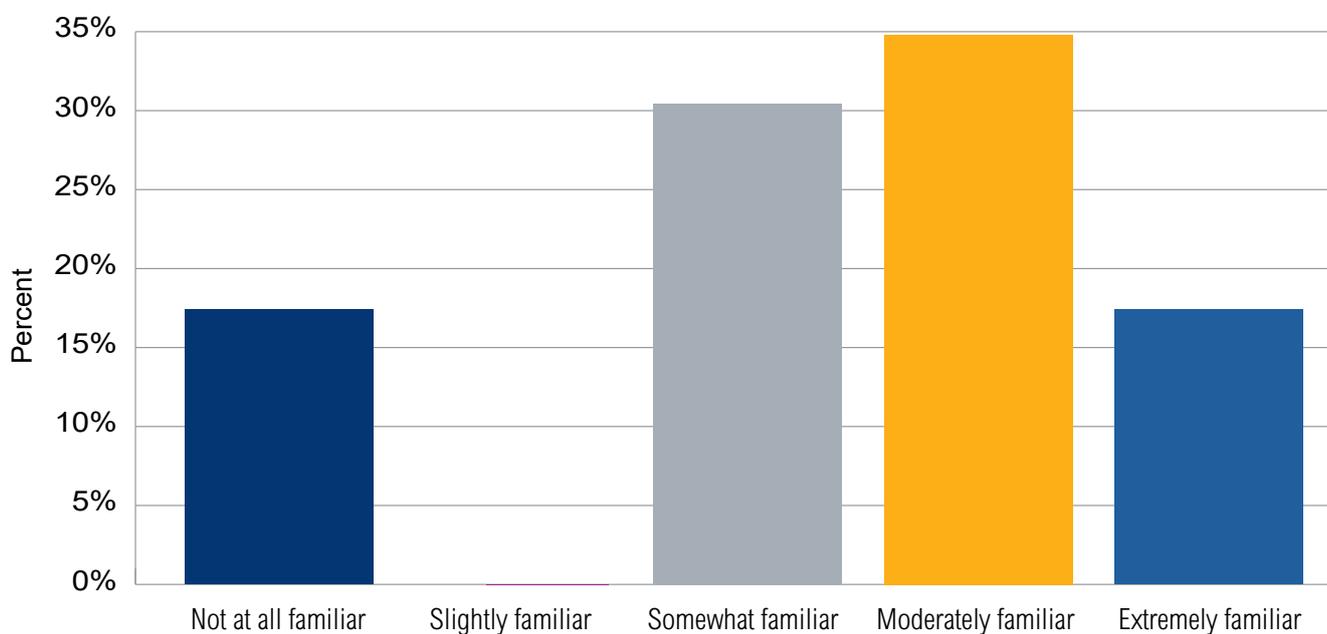
Of the respondents who were aware of the Policy (n=23), 44% attended the launch of the Policy, 35% provided feedback on a draft of the Policy and 35% reported that it was a Policy document used by their organisation/workplace.

**Figure 5. How much of the Policy have you read?**



Of the respondents that were aware of the Policy (n=23), 65% had read either most or all of the content of the Policy.

**Figure 6. How do you rate your familiarity with the content of the Policy?**



Of the respondents that were aware of the Policy (n=23), 83% were either “somewhat familiar,” “moderately familiar” or “extremely familiar” with the content of the Policy.

## Activities and Action Areas

### Activities to support men's health and wellbeing

Respondents were asked “What, if any, activities are you aware of that have occurred in WA over the last 12 months to support men's health and wellbeing?” Responses were varied and included:

- men's health activities during Men's Health Week (15-21 June 2020)
- a variety of activities by the Regional Men's Health Initiative such as:
  - development of a series of Podcasts about men's health and wellbeing to encourage and empower men and the community to take responsibility for improving lives
  - attendance at over 300 community events. Further information regarding selected activities can be accessed on the [Regional Men's Health Initiative website](#)
  - distribution of over 300 laminated summary copies of the Policy to community and health providers. The summary document can be accessed on the [Western Australian Department of Health website](#)
  - various conversations with stakeholders about the implications of the Policy
- approximately 20 in-person and online events to support men's health and wellbeing were carried out by Men's Sheds of WA
- Men's Outreach Service Aboriginal Corporation (MOSAC) provided a range of support services to men, their families and communities in the Kimberly region of WA
- Men's Health and Wellbeing WA launched an on-line directory for a searchable listing of services available to men and boys in WA. The online directory is available on the [Men's Health and Wellbeing WA website](#)
- Men's Health and Wellbeing WA launched a “[Statement of Intent](#),” in November 2019, to encourage organisations to collectively improve the focus of the need for improvement in the health and wellbeing of men and boys
- [Parents Beyond Breakup](#) and [Dads in Distress](#) provided assistance for separated dads including a support helpline, online chat and forum, online support meetings and links to services
- the delivery of a variety of other general programs that support men's health, and social and emotional wellbeing
- the development of various educational materials related to men's health and wellbeing.

### Usefulness of the Policy

The Policy outlines five policy domains to describe the broad areas of activities to support men's health and wellbeing. These include:

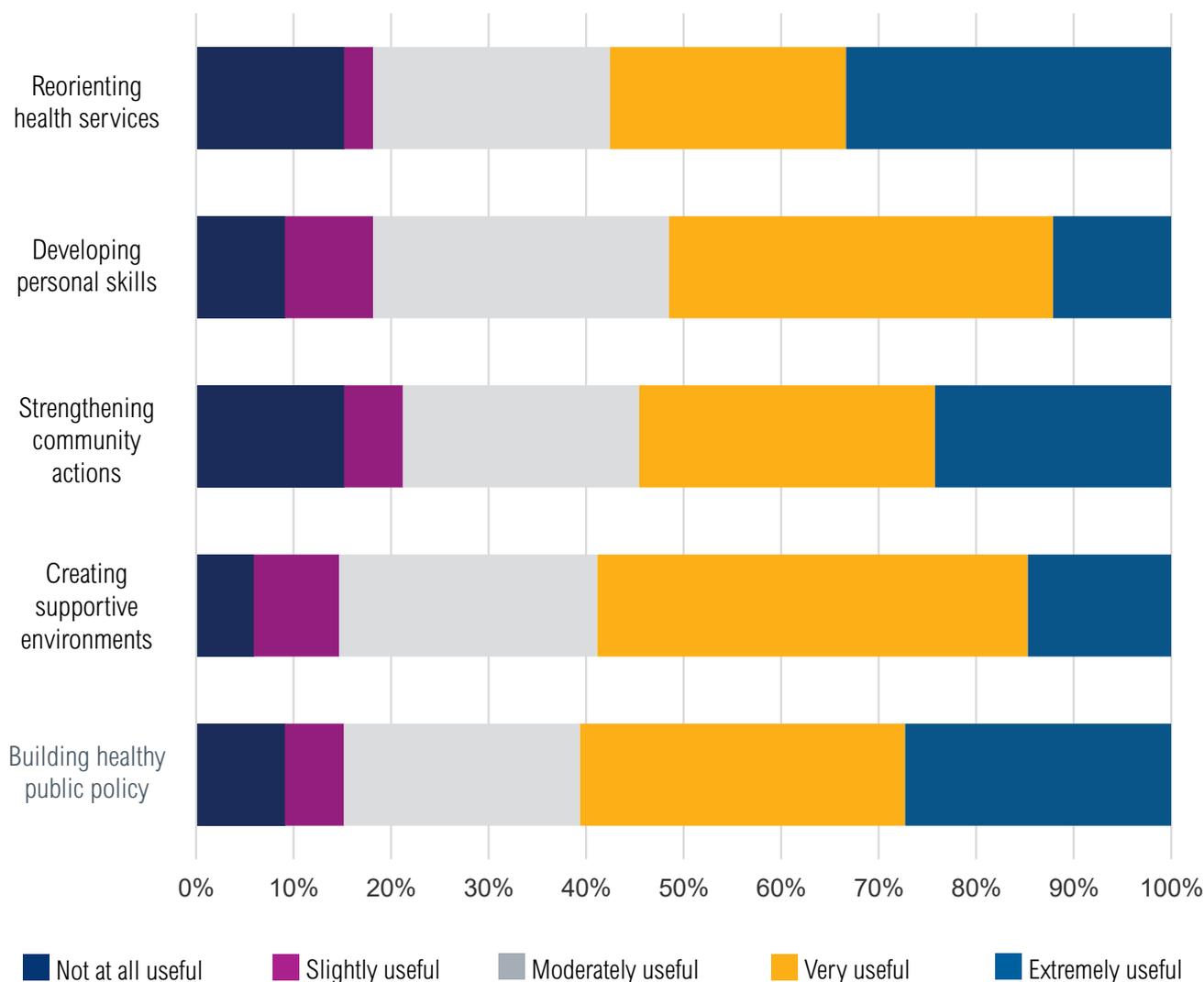
1. **Building healthy public policy** including health, income and social policy to promote health and make healthy choices easy
2. **Creating supportive environments** including work and leisure that are safe and promote health
3. **Strengthening community actions** including the involvement of communities in setting priorities and making decisions to improve health outcomes

4. **Developing personal skills** including information, education and skills to increase control for individuals over their own health
5. **Reorienting health services** to promoting health, not just focusing on illness, injury or disease.

Respondents were asked how useful the Policy was for the above domains based on their knowledge of men’s health and wellbeing in WA. The results are shown in Figure 7.

**Figure 7. Usefulness of the Policy in the five domains based on knowledge of men’s health and wellbeing in WA.**

Based on your knowledge of men’s health and wellbeing in WA, how useful do you believe the Policy is for the following domains?



Of the respondents who answered the question, over 75% believed that the Policy was either “moderately useful,” “very useful” or “extremely useful” in the above domains.

## Opportunities and Issues

Respondents were asked to describe any opportunities or suggestions to improve the access to, use or implementation of the Policy; any issues or barriers in accessing, using or implementing the Policy and any additional feedback about the Policy. The main themes that emerged are summarised below. Direct quotations are provided in boxes.

### Opportunities or suggestions to improve the access to, use or implementation of the Policy

Twenty-eight responses were received to Question 11 that asked respondents to “Please describe any issues or barriers you are aware of in accessing, using or implementing the Policy.” Overall, most of the suggestions related to either promoting the Policy or resourcing the Policy. The comments are summarised below.

#### Promoting the Policy

A variety of comments related to the need to promote the Policy and suggestions included:

- organising local forums
- arranging information sessions in towns and remote communities to explain the Policy in a way that specific populations understand
- promoting the Policy widely to health professionals (such as general practitioners), industry and community groups
- promoting the Policy in all health and wellbeing circles (e.g. via public awareness campaigns, social media and at men’s meeting areas such as pubs, sporting clubs, men’s sheds and other organisations)
- mandating key elements of the Policy with Health Service Providers.



*Public Awareness Campaign: helping communities understand the Policy and its intent so that they may also encourage change in both the public and private sectors at a grass-roots level.*



#### Resourcing the Policy

The importance of adequate resourcing of the Policy was also highlighted to improve the access to, use or implementation of the Policy. For example, financial support is required to hold more forums within the community to be able to reach out to more men, and those around them, about their health.



*The Policy needs funding and resources to be turned into reality...*



## Issues or barriers in accessing, using or implementing the Policy

Respondents were asked to describe any barriers in accessing, using or implementing the Policy. Twenty-seven responses were received. Several themes emerged including the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, a lack of awareness of the Policy, resourcing limitations and the need for implementation plans.

### COVID-19 pandemic

The restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic have been identified as a barrier to promoting and implementing the Policy.

“ COVID-19 has put the Policy advertising and implementation on the back burner (like many other issues) ... ”

It was also apparent that the COVID-19 pandemic has influenced how resources are shared. For example, [The Blokes' Book](#), which provides a directory of services available to men across a broad range of health and wellbeing areas, was previously only available in printed format. It has now been adapted to an on-line [Men's Directory](#), in part due to COVID-19, thus assisting to overcome accessibility barriers. The Men's Directory can be accessed at [Men's Health and Wellbeing WA](#).

### Lack of awareness

A lack of awareness of the Policy was considered a barrier to implementing and actioning the Policy.

“ A lack of awareness = a lack of action ”

### Resourcing

Resourcing limitations (funding and time) were also described as a barrier to promoting and implementing the Policy.

“ Lack of funding available to provide services for men's health and wellbeing, with a focus on prevention and education. ”

### Implementation Plan

Some respondents raised concerns regarding the need for, and development of, implementation plans for the Policy.

“ For the promise of this excellent Policy to be realised, it needs an implementation strategy that is adequately resourced to enable some of the wisdoms the Policy enunciates. ”

## Additional or general feedback about the Policy

Question 13 asked respondents to provide any additional or general feedback about the Policy.

Overall, the feedback was supportive of the initiation and development of the Policy as it provides a good framework to support men's health and wellbeing.

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*We have to greatly congratulate the WA State Government and (the Minister for Health) in particular, for initiating the Policy. Not enough has been done for men over the years and the WA Men's Health and Wellbeing Policy is a great initiative.*

”

Some of the comments related to issues that had previously been raised in the survey including the need for successful and measurable implementation and the challenges associated with it. These challenges included the need for effective resourcing and the implications of the Policy being non-mandatory with Health Service Providers. Others acknowledged that changes occur gradually and to “Be not afraid of growing slowly, be afraid of standing still.”

“

*It's a great step forward, one that the Government and (the Department of Health) can be really proud of. It needs to be implemented in full.*

”

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*The challenge is bringing such documents to life.*

”

In addition, while some respondents believed the Policy was well promoted, others believed that it needs to be publicised more.

“

*Good policy. Well considered, well crafted. Well promoted.*

”

“

*Needs to be promoted more.*

”

Other comments referred to how the Policy has been used. For example, the principles and goals of the Policy have been used by research organisations in the design of research projects involving men in WA. The Policy has also been used by organisations (e.g. Men's Sheds of WA) to underpin their Strategic Plans to ensure activities remain centred on men's health and wellbeing over the coming years. The document has been promoted in individual Men's Sheds, some of which have seen significant increases in membership.

Finally, some comments referred to men's health and wellbeing activities planned for the near future. For example, a forum entitled Men. *Healthier Together* presented by Spinnaker Health Research Foundation (scheduled for 7 October 2020) aimed to discuss an integrated model of evidence-based research to improve the physical, mental, social and emotional well-being of men and boys living in WA.

# Discussion

This 12 Month Check-Up Report describes the level of awareness of the Policy, men's health and wellbeing related activities that have been undertaken and any issues and/or opportunities regarding the Policy that have arisen.

The majority of respondents to the survey were aware of the Policy with many people indicating they attended the launch event, used the Policy in their organisation or workplace, or provided feedback on the draft Policy. Of those who were aware of the Policy, most had some level of familiarity with its content. Nevertheless, it should be noted that generalising results from the survey to the broader population is not appropriate because a selected sample approach has been used.

It was evident that a wide variety of men's health events and activities have occurred in the preceding 12 months. Examples include events during Men's Health Week, the development of a series of podcasts, a wide variety of community events, distribution of resource materials, building effective stakeholder relationships, on-line events, various support services and the development of numerous online resources to support the health and wellbeing of men and boys in WA. This list is by no means exhaustive and the WA Department of Health is aware of many other activities that have occurred that have not been reported within responses to the survey. These examples demonstrate how men, the community, advocacy groups, health professionals and those who provide services for men can work collectively towards improving men's health and wellbeing.

Many suggestions for further promoting the Policy were proposed including publicising the Policy to local community groups, health professionals and industry. Suggested methods for promoting the Policy included public awareness campaigns, social media and targeting men's meeting areas such as pubs, sporting clubs, men's sheds and other organisations. These suggestions should be considered in the context that the primary audience for the Policy is the WA health system.

The results of the survey have also indicated that community engagement in relation to men's health and wellbeing activities during the COVID-19 pandemic has been very challenging. This has led to difficulties in promoting and implementing the Policy. However, COVID-19 did provide an opportunity for organisations to review how resources are communicated with many resources being developed or reproduced for an on-line platform.

Another barrier that influenced access, use and implementation of the Policy was a lack of awareness of the Policy although there was differing opinions regarding its promotion. Some respondents believed it was well promoted while others believed that it needs to be publicised more. Resourcing limitations and the need for successful and measurable implementation plans were also cited as barriers.

Overall, this 12 Month Check Up Report indicates that the majority of respondents were aware of the Policy and that most people had some level of familiarity with its content. The Report details a wide variety of men's health and wellbeing events that have occurred in the previous 12 months despite numerous challenges including the COVID-19 pandemic, resourcing limitations and the need for implementation plans in relation to the Policy. The COVID-19 pandemic provided an opportunity for health and wellbeing information to be adapted to on-line platforms. The feedback was supportive of the purpose of the Policy indicating it provides a good framework to support men's health and wellbeing at an individual and organisational level.

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# Appendices

## Appendix 1: Copy of the Survey

### WA Men's Health and Wellbeing Policy: Annual Check-Up

#### Overview

The Western Australian Men's Health and Wellbeing Policy (the Policy) was launched in Men's Health Week 2019 (10-16 June). The purpose of the Policy is to provide direction to the WA health system and its partners to deliver strategies to improve the physical, mental, social and emotional wellbeing of men and boys in WA.

The primary audience of the Policy is the WA health system. However, improvements in men's health require the involvement of a range of agencies beyond the WA health system working collaboratively to achieve common goals. Therefore, it is recommended that the approaches outlined within the Policy are adopted by multiple agencies.

A copy of the Policy and Summary Document is available on the WA Department of Health's website. [https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/U\\_Z/WA-Mens-Health-and-Wellbeing-Policy](https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/U_Z/WA-Mens-Health-and-Wellbeing-Policy)

#### Why we are consulting

We recently celebrated the first anniversary of the launch of the Policy. The WA Department of Health continues to work with stakeholders to promote the Policy and its implementation.

The purpose of this consultation is to determine the level of awareness of the Policy, understand men's health related activities that have been carried out and identify any issues and/or opportunities that have arisen.

The results of this consultation will be used to compile a report that will be made available on the WA Men's Health and Wellbeing Policy website. Feedback or summaries of feedback may be included in the report.

The survey is open to all areas of the WA health system, any organisations or individuals.

#### Completing this consultation

Your privacy is important to us. Your data will be stored confidentially. Any personal information collected will remain separate from your responses and will not be linked to you in any way.

When you have finished the survey, please press the SUBMIT button at the bottom of the last page.

If you have any queries or need assistance, please contact Health Networks either by email [healthpolicy@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:healthpolicy@health.wa.gov.au) or phone 9222 0200.

The survey will close on **11:59pm on Friday, 25 September 2020**

To begin the survey please press the **Online Survey** link in the green box below.

## About You

**1. What category best describes your PRIMARY interest in the Western Australian Men's Health and Wellbeing Policy? (Required)**

Please select only one item

- I am a consumer of men's health services
  - I care for someone who uses men's health services
  - I am a family member or friend of someone who uses men's health services
  - The policy is relevant to my work role
  - Other (please specify below)
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## Perspective

**2. Is the feedback in this survey your individual perspective, or does it represent the perspective of a group/organisation? (Required)**

Please select only one item

- I am providing my individual perspective
- I am providing a group / organisational perspective

## About your work

**3. What category best describes your primary place of work? (Required)**

Please select only one item

- I do not have a primary place of work
  - WA government agency
  - Commonwealth government agency
  - Non-government agency
  - Charitable organisation
  - Educational body
  - Peak professional body
  - Other (please specify below)
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## About Your Government Agency

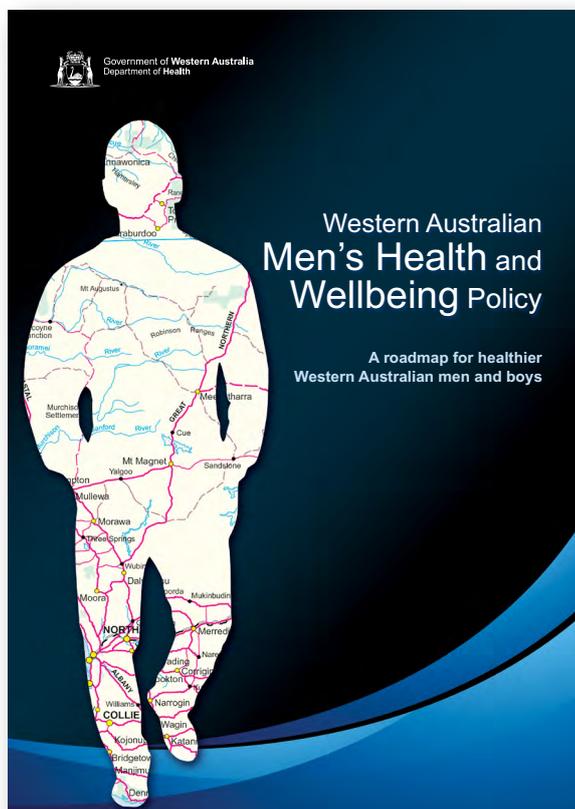
### 4. What government agency do you work for? (Required)

Please select only one item

- WA Department of Health - Health Service Provider
  - WA Department of Health - System Manager
  - Australian Government Department of Health (Commonwealth)
  - Department of Communities
  - Department of Education
  - Department of Justice
  - Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage
  - Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries
  - Department of Fire and Emergency Services
  - Public Transport Authority
  - WA Police
  - Unsure
  - Other (please specify below)
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## Awareness of the Policy

Below is an image of the front cover of the Western Australian Men's Health and Wellbeing Policy.



**5. Before today, were you aware of the WA Men's Health and Wellbeing Policy? (Required)**

Please select only one item

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

**6. How were you made aware of the Policy? (Required)**

Please select all that apply

- I was a member of the Reference Group
  - I provided feedback on a draft of the policy
  - I attended the launch of the policy
  - I discovered it via an internet search / on the web
  - It is a policy document used by my organisation / workplace
  - It was recommended to me by an organisation / men's interest group
  - Unsure
  - Other (please specify below)
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**7. How much of the Policy content have you read? (Required)**

Please select only one item

- None of the content
- Some of the content
- Most of the content
- All of the content
- Unable to answer

**8. How do you rate your familiarity with the content of the Policy? (Required)**

Please select only one item

- Not at all familiar
- Slightly familiar
- Somewhat familiar
- Moderately familiar
- Extremely familiar
- Unable to answer

## Action Areas

The Western Australian Men's Health and Wellbeing Policy outlines five policy domains. The domains describe the broad areas of activities to support men's health and wellbeing including:

- **Building healthy public policy** including health, income and social policy to promote health and make healthy choices easy
- **Creating supportive environments** including work and leisure that are safe and promote health
- **Strengthening community actions** including the involvement of communities in setting priorities and making decisions to improve health outcomes
- **Developing personal skills** including information, education and skills to increase control for individuals over their own health
- **Reorienting health services** to promoting health, not just focusing on illness, injury or disease.

9. **What, if any, activities are you aware of that have occurred in WA over the last 12 months to support men's health and wellbeing?**

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10. **Based on your knowledge of men's health and wellbeing in WA, how useful do you believe the Policy is for the following domains?**

	Not at all useful	Slightly useful	Moderately useful	Very useful	Extremely useful	Unable to answer
Building healthy public policy						
Creating supportive environments						
Strengthening community actions						
Developing personal skills						
Reorienting health services						

## Issues and Opportunities

- 11. Please describe below any opportunities or suggestions to improve the access to, use or implementation of the Policy.**

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- 12. Please describe below any issues or barriers you are aware of in accessing, using or implementing the Policy.**

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- 13. Please provide below any additional or general feedback about the Policy.**

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## Appendix 2: Communication of the Survey

### Targeted Email to Stakeholders – 24 August 2020

During the development of the Policy, a list of relevant stakeholders was created. These stakeholders were sent a link to the survey and a reminder email. A summary of the stakeholders included:

- members of the WA Men's Health and Wellbeing Policy Reference Group
- attendees of metropolitan and regional forums
- Chief Executive Officers of Health Service Providers
- organisations that planned a men's health event to launch the Policy
- other government agencies
- commissioning bodies including the Mental Health Commission and the WA Primary Health Alliance
- charitable organisations
- educational bodies
- non-government organisations
- peak professional bodies
- individuals and organisations who have requested to be kept up-to-date on the Policy

The text of the email containing the online consultation link was as follows:

### Western Australian Men's Health and Wellbeing Policy: Annual Check-Up

We recently celebrated the first anniversary of the launch of the [Western Australian Men's Health and Wellbeing Policy](#) (the Policy).

The WA Department of Health is inviting responses to an [online consultation](#) seeking to understand:

- the level of awareness of the Policy
- men's health and wellbeing related activities that have been carried out
- any issues and/or opportunities that have arisen.

This consultation is open to all areas of the WA health system, any organisations or individuals. You are encouraged to share the link to the survey.

The consultation closes 25 September 2020.

## Health Point Article – 24 August 2020

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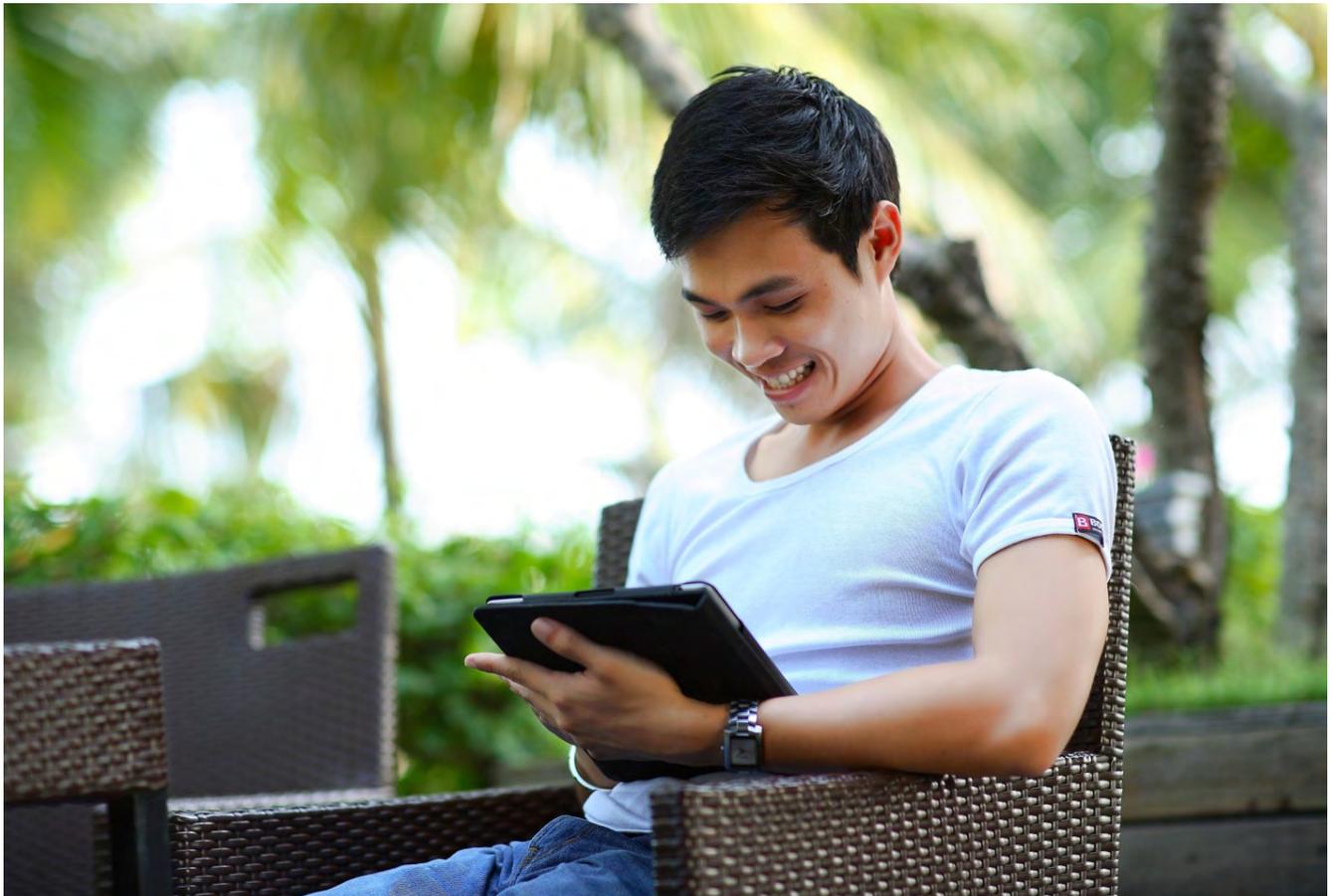
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