1. What is MHPOD?

MHPOD is a new, evidence-based online learning resource for people working in mental health. There are about seventy hours of material on forty five topics, written and produced in Australia. The topics range from recovery to legislation and dual disability. Each topic includes an overview, knowledge check, activity, in-practice section, and a list of resources. The in-practice section involves people from mental health talking about what a particular topic means to them.

2. How can I gain access to MHPOD?

First you need to access the following website www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/mentalhealthtraining. From here you can download and complete a MHPOD registration form; press submit and this will send your registration through to your local MHPOD administrator. Within 72 hours, you will receive a welcome email with prompts you will need to follow to access the MHPOD learning portal and begin your learning.

3. Can anyone have access to MHPOD?

No. Commonwealth, state and territory governments have funded access for 14,000 people working in mental health across Australia. It is expected that most people working in public mental health services will have access to MPHOD. Additionally a significant number of mental health nurses, psychologists, psychiatrists, general practitioners, occupational therapists and social workers working in the private sector will be able to use the resource.

4. Does completing MHPOD modules earn credit towards Continuing Professional Development for my portfolio?

The project team will seek to have all MHPOD topics recognised for credit towards Continuing Professional Development with the relevant professional bodies. Ten topics that were used in the 2010 pilot do have credit points attached with professional bodies including the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses, Australian Psychological Society, and the Royal College of Nursing Australia.

5. How were the MHPOD topics chosen?

The curriculum is based on the National Practice Standards for the Mental Health Workforce 2002 (Practice Standards). The Practice Standards describe the knowledge, skills and attitudes required of staff working in Australian mental health services, and complement the requirements of professional standards. The twelve standards cover a range of areas, including rights and responsibilities; early detection and intervention, and ethical practice.

6. How do I navigate around a topic?

There are three ways to navigate within a topic:

- Use the next button to navigate in a linear way through the topic. This will take you to the next page and to the next tab.
- Use the page icon to navigate within a tab.
- Use the tabs at the top of the screen to go to different sections of the topic.

7. Are the activities assessed?

The activities have been designed to further explore the content under discussion, to help you think about the issues and try out some of the ideas. They are not assessed although you will get feedback about your answers. The feedback often provides more information. When you select the activity tab you will be taken to the activity home page. You will see one or more
activities listed on this screen. Roll over the activity title for a brief description. When you select the activity you will notice that all the other tabs fade out.

8. What is the knowledge check?

The Knowledge Check quiz has been designed to check your understanding of the content, concepts and issues addressed in the topic. Generally you will answer two questions per learning objective. Successful completion of the knowledge check quiz (that is, 100%) equals successful completion of the topic.

9. What happens if I answer a knowledge check question incorrectly?

If you answer a knowledge check question incorrectly you will receive the following feedback "That is incorrect". On completion of the quiz, you will arrive at the Assessment Results screen. Your score will be shown along with a comment that you are not yet competent in all the objectives. Select the next button to go to the Learning plan.

10. How many times can I complete the knowledge check quiz?

You can attempt the quiz up to 100 times. You can only retry the quiz once you have visited the prescribed learning objectives as outlined in the Learning Plan. When you return to the Learning Plan having completed all required learning objectives, you will see a button on the right screen saying "Try Again". This will take you back to the knowledge check quiz and a different series of questions to be completed. Above the "Try Again" button you will see how many times you have attempted this quiz.

11. What happens if I have trouble making MHPOD work?

In the first instance, try the Help function within MHPOD. If you are still having difficulties, complete the error form which is located here: www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/mentalhealthtraining. This will be sent to your local administrator who will then escalate the issue to the state wide administrator if required.

12. Can I get more information on MHPOD?

MHPOD has an information only site located at www.mhpod.gov.au where you can try sample topics and access further FAQ to assist you with using MHPOD.

For more information

Mental Health Professional Online Development
www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/mentalhealthtraining