Intergenerational Health and Mental Health Study welcomed
statement from PHAA CEO, Terry Slevin

We recognise this as an important investment in public health, because if we can’t measure it, we can’t fix it.

Health Minister Greg Hunt announced at the National Press Club today a three-year $90 million Intergenerational Health and Mental Health Study.

The Public Health Association of Australia, the country’s peak public health advocacy organisation, is delighted this research is being funded.

This is essential data capture for important population health monitoring. The survey results, due in 2022, will be ten years after the last significant data capture.

This four-part study by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, is the means by which we measure what people actually eat and their level of physical exercise.

The PHAA applauds new and special attention on the mental health of Australians.

The next challenge is to ensure that this kind of data collection is embedded into the system so that it’s routinely done.

We don’t want to wait another ten years. Regular research will ensure the best use of our resources in health care and prevention.

It comes in the context of plans to develop a National Preventive Health Strategy announced in June by Minister Hunt at PHAA’s Public Health Prevention Conference in Melbourne.

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