

Interim Report: Feedback Survey

The Sustainable Health Review Interim Report feedback survey consisted of 14 questions. The responses to the open feedback questions are detailed below. Responses to questions 9-12 have been published in a summarised report on the SHR website.

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7. Are you providing a response on behalf of your group/organisation or as an individual?	☐ Group/organisation	
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(Required)	☐ Other, please specify:	
Q8. Do you consent to your feedback being published, in summaries or in the Final Report? (Required)		
☑ I consent to my feedback being published		
☐ I consent to my feedback being published anonymously		
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The next two questions will allow you to provide more detailed feedback on how to maximise improvements in each of the Directions or suggest other areas or actions for the Sustainable Health Review Panel to consider to develop a more sustainable health system.

13. In regards to the 12 Directions, please provide detailed comments on how to maximise improvements in each of the Directions. Where possible, please indicate which Direction your comments relate to.		



14. Is there anything else that the Panel has missed so far that is important in developing a more sustainable health system for Western Australia?

Oral health has been neglected

Less unnecessary surgery, including Caesarian births
Less unnecessary X Ray's, CT scans, MRIs which do not help with a diagnosis
More sleep apnoea machines for eligible patients, and with Govt machines please pay for the
masks, hoses etc. It is a great burden for pnsioners to have to pay \$300 or more for a new
mask.



Filling the dental gap: meeting unmet oral health needs

Two million Australians delay or miss out on dental care each year because of cost. Although people on low incomes fare worst, even people on higher incomes miss out on care. The existing public response is uncoordinated, unplanned, and inadequate. State public dental schemes are so overwhelmed that many people wait more than a year for care.

What should be done?

Part of the answer is improving the value of existing public dental services. But part of the answer is that the Commonwealth should expand its role and establish a universal dental scheme paralleling Medicare. The universal scheme should cover primary care dental services, including preventive dental care, such as scaling, fixing cavities and gum disease, and undertaking extractions. The first step should be the Commonwealth assume responsibility for the most needy – pensioners and healthcare cardholders. This will cost about \$1 billion a year, taking into account what states already spend. This Policy Pitch will hear about both of these approaches.



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Date: Tuesday, 5 March 2019

Time: 6:00-7:15pm

Venue: State Library Victoria, Village Roadshow Theatrette, 179 La Trobe St, Melbourne

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Zoe Wainer, is Chair of the Board of Dental Health Services Victoria, and has recently completed a secondment to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. She has a clinical background in cardiothoracic surgery and surgical oncology as well has public health and health administration. She has been actively engaged with and implanting the principles of value-based healthcare throughout her various roles, in particular in her role as Chair of the Board of DHSV, which, as a statewide public oral health service, is in the process of implementing Value-based Healthcare as a new clinical and operating model



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