

Panel Update February 2018

This update highlights the progress of the Sustainable Health Review (SHR) including the fifth and sixth meetings of the Sustainable Health Review Panel (the Panel) held on 23 November 2017 and 21 December 2017 at the Department of Health and the WA Country Health Service head office respectively.

Amended Timeframes

Following a strong level of interest from a wide range of stakeholders, the Government endorsed an extension to the Review timeframes. The Interim Report was delivered to Government in January 2018 and the Final Report is now due in November 2018.

Public and Targeted Engagement

Over 300 submissions were received from a diverse range of consumers, stakeholders, and clinicians. A total of 12 public forums were held in both metropolitan and regional locations and six clinical forums were held in regional locations. Panel Members attended many of the forums and reviewed public submissions.

A range of other targeted engagement activities were undertaken by the Panel in November and December, including attending the Nursing and Midwifery Leadership Breakfast, meeting with the Ministerial Youth Advisory Council, Mental Health Commission and Junior Medical Doctors/Doctors in Training.

The Panel's Consumer Representative co-hosted a Yarning Session with Relationships Australia, Health Consumers Council and Langford Aboriginal Association in December 2017. This session captured informal feedback from Aboriginal consumers of health services while also identifying additional opportunities for engagement with this group.

Industry Round Table Summit

Stakeholders of the WA health system gathered in Cockburn for an Industry Summit in late November. The aim of the Summit was to discuss innovative new ways of working together for patients, pathways and partnerships. The Summit involved 35 participants from a range of Non-Government Organisations, interest groups and private healthcare providers. The Panel Chair and several Members were also in attendance. The SHR Industry Summit Snapshots Report is available on the [SHR Website](#).

Reference Groups

A joint meeting of the Consumer and Carer Reference Group and the Clinical Reference Group hosted by the Panel Chair was held in November 2017. For a summary of the key points from their discussion refer to the Communiqués released in December 2017 available on the [SHR Website](#).

The Reference Groups will continue to meet in 2018.

Working Groups

Each of the themed Working Groups participated in facilitated workshops in November and December 2017 with the purpose of highlighting 'big issue' matters that can be addressed to ensure a sustainable health system. Following the workshops each Working Group delivered a Work Plan and Discussion Paper Outline to the Panel. At their December 2017 meeting, the Panel agreed to revise the scope of the Working Groups towards identification of exemplars and providing advice on implementation of key strategies and initiatives following release of the Panel's Interim Report.

Clinical Senate Debate

The Panel engaged with the Clinical Senate for a session around 'outcomes and metrics for system change' in relation to the sustainability of the health system. The key statement posed to Senators when forming

metrics for change was 'We will know we have a sustainable health system when...' At their December meeting, the Panel received a Draft Report from the Clinical Senate that provided metrics in relation to the SHR themes. For further information on the Clinical Senate Debates see the [2017 Clinical Senate Debates Webpage](#).

Progress towards Interim Report

The Panel has worked over the last few months to develop its Interim Report. The Interim Report's primary purpose will be to outline feedback received from the public consultation process and to signal preliminary directions for further consultation. The release of the Interim Report will be followed by further extensive opportunities for community and stakeholder input.

The Interim Report was submitted to Government in January 2018 and is expected to be publicly released once endorsed by Government.

It should be emphasised that considerable further work and consultation is required to inform the Panel's Final Report and detailed recommendations due in November 2018. The Panel's focus in 2018 will be on exploring key areas and gathering targeted feedback on the overall themes and preliminary directions outlined in its Interim Report.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SHR Panel will be held 1 March 2018.

Further information

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