

Public Submission Cover Sheet

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Submission Guidance

You are encouraged to address the following question:

In the context of the Sustainable Health Review Terms of Reference listed below, what is needed to develop a more sustainable, patient centred health system in WA?

- Leveraging existing investment in Primary, Secondary and Tertiary healthcare, as well as new initiatives to improve patient centred service delivery, pathways and transition;
- The mix of services provided across the system, including gaps in service provision, sub-acute, step-down, community and other out-of-hospital services across WA to deliver care in the most appropriate setting and to maximise health outcomes and value to the public;
- Ways to encourage and drive digital innovation, the use of new technology, research and data to support patient centred care and improved performance;
- Opportunities to drive partnerships across sectors and all levels of government to reduce duplication and to deliver integrated and coordinated care;
- Ways to drive improvements in safety and quality for patients, value and financial sustainability, including cost drivers, allocative and technical efficiencies;
- The key enablers of new efficiencies and change, including, research, productivity, teaching and training, culture, leadership development, procurement and improved performance monitoring;
- Any further opportunities concerning patient centred service delivery and the sustainability of the WA health system.

Submissions Response Field

Please type your response into the field below. Alternatively you may provide your submissions as a separate attachment (Suggested Maximum 5 pages).

We need to better inform clients of the longer term possible outcomes of interventions especially as they get older and we intervene with complex, major procedures eg. CABG when people are in their late 70's onwards not thinking about other systems that naturally begin to wear out so the person has a good heart but then develops dementia or other age related problems but continues to live, often in high dependency nursing homes or at home costing family and/ or state financially, having little quality of life.

Regardless of how many other things we change, we need to become more cautious in our management of health in the older person, as we become better at maintaining life we become less able or willing to make sound decisions based on long term outcomes, this is costing the country many millions of dollars every year and will continue to get worse if we don't get better at more accurately informing people of long term possible outcomes of treatment/interventions.