Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Health**

Clinical Senate – March 2015

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Today I'll be discussing…

- The recommendations from the previous Clinical Senate (held November 2014):

  Drug Misuse – Are we up to speed?

- Today's topic for debate

  Great Expectations – Planning for expected deaths in acute health settings

Drug misuse – Are we up to speed?

- Resulted in 8 recommendations

  - 5 endorsed
  - 3 endorsed in principle.

Recommendation 2: Endorsed

WA Health develop an evidence-based, Statewide illicit drug-use policy framework and implementation plan in partnership with key stakeholders. This will address:

- Standardised language to reduce social stigma
- Data collection and information sharing
- Workforce upskilling and development
- Care coordination and clinical handover
- Access to emergency, inpatient, short term and long term drug and alcohol services
- A need for legislative/regulatory changes
- Research and ongoing review of evidence.

Recommendation 4: Endorsed

WA Health undertake a project to identify the full cost of all drug related presentations in 4 pilot sites (2 metro, 2 regional) to assess the savings that could be made if alternative alcohol and drug treatment services were available or expanded.

Recommendation 5: Endorsed

WA Health supports development of an interagency framework for family-centred alcohol and drug related care within 12 months to include:

- Primary prevention
- Acute care – emergency and detox
- Rehab/ chronic care
- Referral pathways (centralised).

Recommendation 7: Endorsed

WA Health support the development and implementation of a two-way early warning system on current and emerging illicit drugs.

The system will enable input from a range of key stakeholders into a dedicated central portal and output to key stakeholders on a timely basis, to be hosted by the Drug and Alcohol Office.

Stakeholders:

Accident and Emergency	Drug and Alcohol Services
WA Substance Users Association	ChemCentre
Consumers	PathWest
Ambulance	Primary Care
WA Police	Consumers.

Recommendation 8: Endorsed

WA Health to form an <u>acute</u> drug and alcohol coordinating advisory committee in the next 12 months to improve responses within the health system.

Stakeholders:

Drug and alcohol specialists	MHS
St John Ambulance	Allied health
Drug and alcohol authorities	ChemCentre
Emergency departments	Police
WASUA	PathWest
WANADA	NGOs.

Recommendation 1: Endorsed in principle

WA Health develop and manage a real time dispensing tracing system within 12 months which:

- records all Statewide Schedule 8 dispensing.
- is accessible to all statewide Schedule 8 prescribers and dispensers.
- has the capacity to link into a national prescribing system.

Recommendation 3: Endorsed in principle

WA Health expand the appointments of drug and alcohol specialist clinicians in key metropolitan and regional hospitals within 12 months.

Role – clinical leadership, train workforce, develop clinical pathways, data collection and research, GP support, community liaison, change culture, triage patients, coordinate other drug and alcohol and mental health staff.

Recommendation 6: Endorsed in principle

WA Health develop a Statewide plan for drug and alcohol workforce education and training (which is interprofessional and intersectorial in approach) by June 2015.

Great Expectations – Planning for expected deaths in acute health settings