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Submission Instructions
<p>Please address the Question provided in relation to the Sustainable Health Review Terms of Reference (listed below). Any attachments must be summarised within the submission. (Suggested maximum 5 pages)</p>

Terms of Reference
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.

Public Submissions Question

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

Area of interest: Transition for paediatric to adult healthcare services

Transition co-ordination resources need to be formally and permanently allocated at the major hospitals, establishing a co-operative network. This is outlined as a priority in the WA Health Clinical Services Framework 2014-2024, but in an environment with scarce health resources many hospitals do not see this as a priority area to allocate resources to. It becomes "not my problem" with no-one wanting to take on, particularly the more medically and socially complex patients.

However we know from literature the cost of poor transition is high in many ways - higher cost of delivering healthcare in paediatric setting, poor health outcomes and increased complications (so future health costs higher) due to inadequate transition and retention processes, and the impact on a patient centred journey. It appears as a cost saving in the short term to a particular service, but overall costs the health system and taxpayer significantly more than the investment required to build a state wide co-ordinated transition program. It needs firm central directive to ensure engagement from each of the health services.