

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).

What works

Shire of Goomalling strongly supports its Hospital in Goomalling because not only it provides an excellent service to its community due to the dedicated and diligent staff which makes up the Hospital Contingency but it is provided with the lowest budget to run this excellent service.

There is no doubt that other hospitals in the Wheatbelt could learn a mammoth amount of efficient and effective practices demonstrated by Goomalling Hospital and for these major reasons, Goomalling Hospital in its current format of ED and Aged Care Facilities (Nursing Home and Hostel Lodge) provided to our community must be retained in its current structure.

Goomalling Hospital is a perfect example of providing excellent and dedicated care to its patients and our community, notwithstanding the fact that it operates on a “shoe-string” budget. Goomalling Hospital is always at the forefront of providing patient-first care, investigating new approaches and sustainable care to cover the financial bottom line. Council is of the strong opinion that our Hospital leaves no stones unturned in making sure that their provision of patient-first, innovative and sustainable care for patients are always carried out at the ultimate level.

There is a concern that Council has – what’s the future of Goomalling HACC managed and operated from the Goomalling Hospital, because if there is consideration to privatise this service then Council will acquire the service back as it managed and operated the HACC service prior to handing it over to the Goomalling Hospital in 2001 in assisting the Hospital to become a MPS at that time which created the construction of the six (6) bed Nursing Home and 48-hour Emergency Department (ED).

Council and the community have always looked after its own and in this case it will be no different.

What needs improvement

The organisational structure at the top end of Western Australian Country Health Services (WACHS) should not be excluded since we are all talking about Sustainable Health Care. If we are looking to be more efficient then all positions should be reviewed to enable *more* money to be expended at the coal face level – our patients – not less.

What people think the future of WA’s Health System should look like

The current provision of services carried out at the Goomalling Hospital is the perfect example of how to manage and operate a local hospital in the district. Patient care always comes first, and secondary it carries out this service on a shoe-string budget. Other hospitals would definitely learn a thing or two.