

HEALTH NETWORKS QUARTERLY REPORT JANUARY - MARCH 2018



14%

Increase in the reach of the Health Networks Bulletin over the last quarter. (1)



20,694

Average number of visits to the Health Networks website per month. (2)



44

Number of multidisciplinary members of the Post-Fall Management Guidelines Review Working Group who met monthly to complete an evidence based review. (3)



49

Number of people who attended the WA LGBTI Health Strategy Workshop. (4)



175

Views of the Health Networks new video resource on YouTube. (5)



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New Co-Leads have joined Health Networks; Clinical Associate Professor Merrilee Needham and Dr Andrew Kelly for the Neurosciences and Senses Health Network, and Dr Li Ping Chung for the Respiratory Health Network. (6)



64

Number of responses received via online consultation on the draft WA Men's Health and Wellbeing Policy. (7)



11

Number of new pathways open for consultation to obtain expert input. (8)



8

Number of Ministerials responded to by Health Networks. (9)

NOTES

- 1) Health Networks utilises an online tool to provide broad email communication to a wide variety of stakeholders. This tool enables Health Networks to understand how well we are connecting and engaging with our Health Network members.

Health Networks has a database of members and has observed a 14% increase in the average open rate of the Health Networks Bulletin for the January – March 2018 quarter compared with the previous quarter. Open rate is a measure of subscriber's engagement and is a percentage of how many successfully delivered emails were opened by subscribers.

- 2) Average number of visits to the Health Networks website per month, calculated from 1 January to 31 March 2018.
- 3) Over 40 multidisciplinary members of the Post Fall Management Guidelines Review Working Group, facilitated by the Falls Prevention Health Network and key champions, met monthly and worked out of session to complete an evidence based review, consultation-ready draft of the guidelines in four months.
- 4) The Department of Health is developing the WA Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex (LGBTI) Health Strategy. Health Networks facilitated the WA LGBTI Strategy initial consultation workshop on 20 March 2018. This workshop was attended by 49 stakeholders, and included the sharing of knowledge and experiences along with an interactive workshop focused on developing the Guiding Principles of the WA LGBTI Strategy. This Strategy will provide a framework to raise awareness of the specific health and mental health challenges of LGBTI people.
- 5) To start off the new year, Health Networks have released a new video resource: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M16i2rLcOh0>.

This video is a great way to share Health Networks with your colleagues, as well as let them know what we do, and why you choose to connect with us. Check out the video to learn more about how Health Networks works, and connect with the passion and vision that drives us.

- 6) The Neurosciences and the Senses Health Network (NSHN) would like to welcome Clinical Associate Professor Merrilee Needham and Dr Andrew Kelly as the new Co-Leads for the NSHN. Clinical Associate Professor Needham is the Head of Neurology at Fiona Stanley Hospital and Dr Kelly is a Consultant Neurologist at Fiona Stanley Hospital.

The Respiratory Health Network would like to welcome Dr Li Ping Chung as the new Co-Lead. She will be joining Professor Mark Everard in leading the network.

- 7) The Health Networks Branch conducted an online consultation to inform the development of the new WA Men's Health and Wellbeing Policy, which will support the National Male Health Policy. A total of 64 responses were received, which will help to provide direction to WA Health and its partners to deliver strategies that improve the physical, mental, social, and emotional wellbeing of men and boys in Western Australia.
- 8) HealthPathways WA is a web-based portal with information on assessment, referral, and management pathways helping clinicians to navigate through the complex primary, community, and acute health care system in WA.

The WA health system in partnership with the WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) ensures pathways are developed and customised for WA, with the key focus on improving integration between primary, secondary, and tertiary care. Health Networks has a key role in the consultation of these pathways.

In this reporting period, input and feedback were sought from experts via online consultation for the following 11 pathways:

- Neurology
 - Bell's Palsy
 - Headaches in Adults
 - Parkinson's

- Ophthalmology
 - Acute Angle-closure Glaucoma
 - Cataracts
 - Dry Eyes/Keratoconjunctivitis Sicca
 - Open Angle Glaucoma
 - Red Eye
 - Refractive Error
 - Trachoma

- Paediatric Orthopaedics
 - Metatarsus Adductus

9) Health Networks assisted the Minister for Health in responding to 8 Ministerials from 1 January – 31 March 2018.