

HEALTH NETWORKS QUARTERLY REPORT APRIL - JUNE 2018

CONNECT



15,523
Average number of visits to the Health Networks website per month. ⁽¹⁾



Expressions of Interest for 3 Clinical Co-Lead positions were advertised by Health Networks. ⁽²⁾



70+
People attended the launch of WA's first Youth Health Policy 2018 - 2023 on 16 April 2018. The Policy aims to drive equitable, effective, and coordinated health services for young people. ⁽³⁾

SHARE



63
People attended the Disability Community of Practice Inaugural Meeting cosponsored with TRACS WA. ⁽⁴⁾



The draft WA Men's Health and Wellbeing Policy was released for consultation during Men's Health Week. ⁽⁵⁾



14
LGBTI Community Consultations were delivered across the Perth Metropolitan area, Albany, and Broome to gain community members' insights in developing the WA LGBTI Health Strategy. ⁽⁶⁾

IMPROVE



200
People attended the WA End-of-Life and Palliative Care Strategy 2018 - 2028 Launch at the Palliative Care WA annual breakfast for National Palliative Care Week. ⁽⁷⁾



12
Number of new pathways open for consultation to obtain expert input. ⁽⁸⁾



15
Research grants awarded to Health Networks and tumour collaboratives. ⁽⁹⁾

NOTES

- 1) Average number of visits to the Health Networks website per month, calculated from 1 April to 30 June 2018.
- 2) Health Networks Branch is looking for passionate and influential people to fill a [Cardiovascular Health Network](#) Co-Lead position, and two Co-Lead roles for the [Women's and Newborns Health Network](#).
- 3) The Child and Youth Health Network launched WA's first Youth Health Policy 2018 – 2023 on 16 April 2018. More than 120 young Western Australians aged 13 to 24 years were consulted on their views about youth health and wellbeing in the development of the Policy, which aims to drive equitable, effective and coordinated health services for young people.

The Policy also drew from the WA Commissioner for Children and Young People project, which consulted 1,000 young Western Australians from diverse backgrounds about their experiences with our health services. The Policy reflects young people's desire for a more holistic concept of health and wellbeing to be considered in the planning of health services – taking into account their physical, mental, emotional, and social needs.

View the [Policy](#) and supporting documents on the Child and Youth Health Network [webpage](#).

- 4) The Disability Health Network, in collaboration with TRACS WA, held a WA Health National Disability Insurance Scheme Community of Practice Inaugural Meeting on 7 May 2018.

Presenters from the health and disability sectors, including a representative of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), discussed what the NDIS will mean for health service providers and subacute care clinicians.

- 5) Health Networks released the draft Men's Health and Wellbeing Policy for community consultation during Men's Health Week (11 – 17 June 2017). The [consultation](#) includes an online survey and a series of community forums held across the metropolitan area, in which 60 people attended. Regional consultations are scheduled to occur.

The Policy will provide direction on delivering strategies that improve the physical, mental, social, and emotional wellbeing of men and boys living in WA and demonstrate WA's commitment towards achieving the National Male Health Policy.

- 6) The first of 14 consultation workshops were delivered across the Perth Metropolitan area, Albany, and Broome. These workshops are being delivered by seven Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex (LGBTI) community organisations, in partnership with Health Networks to gain community members' insights in developing the LGBTI Health Strategy.
- 7) The WA Cancer and Palliative Care Network launched the [WA End-of-Life and Palliative Care Strategy 2018 – 2028](#) on 22 May 2018, the first strategy of its kind for WA. It provides a 10-year vision to improve the lives of all Western Australians through quality end-of-life and palliative care. The Strategy presents six overarching priorities, providing a broad direction enabling local and statewide implementation and evaluation. Find out more on the [WA Cancer and Palliative Care Network website](#).

- 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 12 pathways:

- Gastroenterology
 - Coeliac Disease (Adults)

- Gynaecology
 - Cervical Polyps

- Mental Health
 - Borderline Personality Disorder
 - Psychosis

- Neurology
 - Antiepileptic Drugs
 - Epilepsy in Adults
 - Motor neuron Disease
 - Peripheral Neuropathy

- Pain Management
 - Neuropathic Pain

- Older Adult's Health
 - Antidepressants for Older Adults
 - Depression in Older Adults

- Wound Care
 - Burns injuries.

9) A total of 15 research grants were awarded to Health Networks and tumour collaboratives to a value of almost \$300,000.