

Interim Report: Feedback Survey

The Sustainable Health Review Interim Report feedback survey consisted of 14 questions. The responses to the open feedback questions are detailed below. Responses to questions 9-12 have been published in a summarised report on the SHR website.

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6. Location	<input type="checkbox"/> Metropolitan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WA <input type="checkbox"/> Outside WA
7. Are you providing a response on behalf of your group/organisation or as an individual? (Required)	<input type="checkbox"/> Group/organisation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: _____
Q8. Do you consent to your feedback being published, in summaries or in the Final Report? (Required)	
<input type="checkbox"/> I consent to my feedback being published <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I consent to my feedback being published anonymously <input type="checkbox"/> I do not consent to my feedback being published	

The next two questions will allow you to provide more detailed feedback on how to maximise improvements in each of the Directions or suggest other areas or actions for the Sustainable Health Review Panel to consider to develop a more sustainable health system.

13. In regards to the 12 Directions, please provide detailed comments on how to maximise improvements in each of the Directions. Where possible, please indicate which Direction your comments relate to.

The interim report rightfully acknowledges WA historically has a very medically dominated model of care and that other professionals are not used to their full scope of practice. The report lit the other professional that could be utilised to their full scope to improve access to care and provide more cost efficient and effective models of care - including nurse practioenrs and allied health professionals but the report made no reference to the use of Midwives for that purpose - this is disappointing given that (1) the birth related DRGs are the highest volume DRGs in WA and nationally : (2) there is overwhelming evidence that midwifery led models of care are safer, more efficient, more accessible and more cost effective than medically led models; (3) WHO suggest that less than 15% of women across the maternity care continuum need medical care; (4) the report indicating support for the significance of the first 1000 days of life impacting health for life. Please acknowledge the importance of access to midwifery care across the continuum to positively influence the first 1000 days and therefore life long health. Successfully breastfeeding an infant for the first 12 months is the best and most cost effective primary health strategy in the world! Access to midwifery care is crucial to breastfeeding but WA breastfeeding rates aren't even measured once discharged from the birth episode but anecdotally suggest the low is appallingly low by infant age of 6 months.

14. Is there anything else that the Panel has missed so far that is important in developing a more sustainable health system for Western Australia?