

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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7. Are you providing a response on behalf of your group/organisation or as an individual? (Required)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group/organisation <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> I consent to my feedback being published <input 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.

There are a number of gaps in the Interim Report concerning older people which need to be addressed in the Final Report. These gaps include:

- Lack of emphasis and detail on the needs of the ageing population and attendant conditions such as dementia
- Some aspects of the prevention focus need to be broadened such as mental illness
- The social determinants of health prevention (such as social isolation) need to be much more prevalent. The Report focuses too much on the role of the health bureaucracies such as hospitals and the Health Department
- Lack of reference to how to engage with older people around their particular issues
- Emerging impact on older people of the increasing use of technology in the health system.
- Need for greater recognition of the value of community health measures, especially in prevention
- Need for much more emphasis on enabling older people to navigate the aged care system.

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?

The Review almost ignored issues dealing with the health (including mental health) needs of older people. As stated previously the Review and the subsequent State budget focussed almost entirely on the provision of buildings, refurbishments and replacements rather than prevention and the social determinants of health