

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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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.

Direction 1: Keep people healthy

and get serious about prevention and health promotion:-

Child and Adolescent Community Health Submission is quoted as saying:

“Analysis suggests that for every dollar invested in services for preschool age children, there will be a \$2 to \$2.60 return to society “

It is very disappointing to see nothing about better funding for Child Development services in this section when, in contrast, childhood obesity is discussed in such detail. The social determinates of health are given some mention, but not enough, and are very pertinent to this issue. It is appalling that families who have the means can access the multiple allied health services necessary for a child with a developmental delay, (albeit at sometimes crippling cost) but those without means have many months to wait to receive greatly reduced services. From a GP perspective it appears that there is still a one to two year delay for children to be assessed and diagnosed on the Autistic Spectrum and a consequent massive delay in service provision and support while these childrens needs go unmet. The ramifications to society long term of the poor funding in this area are enormous.

Direction 4: Facilitate effective interaction between acute and community-based mental health services to deliver

mental health reforms across the WA health system

“The current funding focus remains on acute medical services at the expense of community-based services and the use of multidisciplinary teams working across government and non-government organisations and the routine inclusion of a well-supported peer workforce”. and. “The focus is on treatment rather than prevention “

Whilst we acknowledge the complexity of this issue, and the difficulties of the current dysfunctional funding arrangements, this section does not inspire hope of a significant change in focus.

The page following the first quote is still very focussed on crises and beds and recovery following admission. It would be good to see more detailed commitment to community care, in particular the need for psychological therapy in mental health before any crises occur.

General Comment pertaining to all directions:

It is very disappointing that Palliative Care is not mentioned, given its immense importance, especially as our population ages.

Thank you

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?

Child Development and early intervention
Palliative Care