

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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Q8. Do you consent to your feedback being published, in summaries or in the Final Report? (Required)	
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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.

1. Prevention - we need to invest now for long term gain. We need a strong government investment and high level support and executive sponsorship if this ethos with the interventions put in place given a chance to be effective. Need minimum 10 years of interventions. Need to measure patient and epidemiological outcomes properly.

9. Investment in research - the NHMRC report demonstrates clearly that the return on investment in clinical research far outweighs the loses. By engaging and funding clinicians to embed research in their practice there is no doubt that patients will have an improved journey through the system.

11. Plan and invest in infrastructure - I think the elephant in the room with this report is that there is no mention of the integration or engagement of private health providers who have significant infrastructure already that seems to be sustained by cherry picking the high turnover, high profit diagnoses from the public health system. Where is the engagement of private health providers in this plan? Where is the engagement of private health insurers in this plan? Public health does not operate in a vacuum. Why do the authors note that: WA continues to experience high levels of people entering our hospitals with a 49 per cent increase in presentations to emergency departments and a 39 per cent increase in admissions between 2005 and 2015. This continued focus on hospital care is increasingly out of step with community expectations and improvements nationally and internationally.

Why does this statement not include a caveat that patients are leaving health insurers in droves? Health insurance costs continue to be increased to cover the supposedly rising costs of health care in private hospitals. Yet, more people are choosing public hospital care.....Why does the government continue to approve health insurance premium increases when this form of care is expensive and does not provide the comprehensive team contacts that the public health system provides. The public health system has a significant marketing issue!!

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?

Engagement of the health insurance industry and stakeholders?

Engagement of the private health facilities and provider organisations?