

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)	
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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 3: Better use of resources with more care in the community.

Injury Matters concurs with the areas identified for further work within Direction 3 and recognises the importance of formalising more local partnerships with the WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA). In an effort to develop joint outcomes and associated measures to enhance shared care and improve communication between General Practitioners and hospitals (including outpatient care), and subsequently maximise improvements in this Direction, it is recommended that the development of partnerships be expanded to include other key primary health care organisations such as 360 Health + Community, and Silver Chain.

Direction 9: Harness and support health and medical research collaboration and innovation.

Translational research which has the potential to inform public health policy and practice is a welcome investment for the future of the WA health system. As mentioned in Injury Matters' original response to the Sustainable Health Review, the injury prevention sector would benefit from easily accessible, up-to-date epidemiological injury data to support the evaluation of injury prevention activities and the identification of emerging injury issues and changes in injury trends in WA. Streamlining the collation of current and age-standardised injury data across hospitals, as well as implementing a regularly updated data surveillance system that is accessible to the workforce, would not only benefit researchers and injury prevention practitioners, but would contribute to increased research collaboration and translation.

Direction 10: Develop a supported and flexible workforce.

As alluded to in the Interim Report, WA health staff have been clear about the need to improve workforce practice and culture, with low morale resulting from some staff feeling not valued or respected. Injury Matters agrees with the recommendations for immediate action and further work to help address this Direction. However, the attraction and retention of staff continues to be a challenge within the WA Country Health Service and Injury Matters suggests that an additional recommendation be included which specifically targets staff recruitment processes (not limited to GP and Nurse Practitioner roles) in regional areas. Addressing regional staffing issues within this Direction should also contribute to improvements in Direction 5 (new ways to support equity in country health) and Direction 7 (create and support the right culture).

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?

Injury Matters acknowledges the comprehensive nature of the Sustainable Health Review and commends the Panel in drafting a series of Directions which reflect the broad scope of the WA health system and take into account the large number of public submissions received. It is noted that one of the key areas considered as part of the SHR, is “opportunities to drive partnerships across all sectors and levels of government”. While this is somewhat addressed in relation to Aboriginal health, rural health and prevention/health promotion, Injury Matters feels this area could be strengthened across most, if not all, of the Directions and recommendations outlined in the Interim Report. Injury prevention, like many other health-related issues, is not just the business of the health system, but requires action across the spectrum of government.

A sustainable health care system must put cost-effective prevention and early intervention services first, and this is recognised by the inclusion of the first Direction outlined in the Interim Report, which aims to keep people healthy and get serious about prevention and health promotion. Injury Matters, along with the undersigned organisations, congratulates the Panel on placing the emphasis on prevention and health promotion at the forefront of the future of the WA health system. This focus should also be supported by continued, as well as longer-term, funding arrangements for injury prevention activities in WA, which represent value for money and sustainability for the health system.

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

Investing in injury prevention is necessary not only to mitigate the increasing costs of the health system but as a means of improving the lives of Western Australians. The following organisations play a key role in and are supportive of injury prevention in Western Australia.

We the undersigned affirm the importance of investment in injury prevention in Western Australia to support the future of a sustainable health care system. As the fourth most common cause of both death (2007 to 2011) and hospitalisation (2008 to 2012) in Western Australia, injury is a public health priority that needs coordinated action across all areas of government and the public sector. Injury across the age span can be predicted and prevented through coordinated evidence-based programs, policies, and services. Ongoing investment in injury prevention is imperative to improving the lives of Western Australians and critical for reducing the cost and burden of injury in Western Australia.

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Kidsafe WA
Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet
Surf Life Saving Western Australia
Sports Medicine Australia
Constable Care Child Safety Foundation
School Drug Education and Road Aware
Public Health Advocacy Institute of Western Australia
PBF Australia
The Royal Life Saving Society Western Australia
COTA Western Australia
Western Australian Poisons Information Centre