

Panel Update August 2017

This update highlights key discussions and considerations arising from the first two meetings of the Sustainable Health Review (SHR) Panel. Key progress includes the call for public submissions, planning of public forums and the formation of Reference Groups.

The first and second meetings of the SHR Panel were held recently and chaired by Ms Robyn Kruk AM. Ms Kruk has more than 30 years' experience in public sector service reform at State and Commonwealth levels, including as Director General of NSW Health and inaugural CEO of the National Mental Health Commission.

The first SHR Panel meeting was held on 20 July 2017 at the Department of Health office in East Perth and opened by the Hon. Roger Cook MLA, Deputy Premier, Minister for Health and Minister for Mental Health.

The second meeting of the SHR Panel was held on 21 August 2017 hosted by the East Metropolitan Health Service at Kirkman House in Perth.

Focus of the Review

The Panel noted its purpose is to provide advice to Cabinet through the Minister for Health which will guide the strategic direction of the WA health system to deliver patient centred, integrated, high quality, and sustainable healthcare across the State.

The significant body of work represented in the 2004 Reid Report was noted, providing a long term pathway for the system which led to key developments. Key lessons will be captured to inform the Panel's work.

The Panel discussed the importance of value and innovation and how this focus could be used to further improve health outcomes, ensure safe and high quality services, improve patient experience, and drive clinical and financial performance. The Panel discussed opportunities to partner across sectors, and ways of ensuring patients are the focus.

Terms of Reference

The Panel reviewed its role and responsibilities as set out in the [Terms of Reference](#) and operating principles to guide how Panel members engage and communicate as a group.

Meetings

The Panel agreed that meetings will be held at a variety of locations giving the opportunity for the Panel to connect and engage with stakeholders.

Reference Groups

The membership of both the Clinical, and Consumer and Carer Reference Groups, were endorsed by the Panel. The Reference Groups bring a diverse range of expertise, experience and networks to inform the work of the SHR and will provide expert advice to the Panel. For a full list of members, Terms of Reference and Communiqués refer to the [Reference Group page on the SHR website](#).

The Consumer and Carer Reference Group is Chaired by Ms Pip Brennan and comprises members with diverse personal and professional experience of the health system as consumers, carers and advocates.

The Clinical Reference Group is Chaired by Dr Hannah Seymour and comprises clinicians with experience across the areas of primary, secondary and tertiary care, community care, public health and mental health and across a variety of specialties and settings, including metropolitan, regional, rural and remote WA.

Themes

Given the breadth and complexity of the SHR, the Panel is considering focusing its work around key themes. These initial themes may change at a later date to reflect feedback and consultations.

Theme	Focus
Quality and value	Opportunities and strategies to enhance and improve safety, quality and value. Strategies to balance the system to provide a greater balance on care delivered in the community.
Patient Pathways And Experience	Ways to improve patient pathways and transition including through primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare.
Financial Sustainability	Opportunities and strategies to enhance and improve the medium and long term financial sustainability of the WA health system, with a focus on leveraging current investment to achieve value and efficiency.
Prevention, Promotion and Partnerships	Strategies to protect and promote the health of the WA population and building partnerships to improve health outcomes.
Digital, Innovation And Research	Ways to encourage and drive digital innovation, promoting and harnessing research and data.
Workforce and Culture	Ways to support and promote a contemporary, adaptable and high performing workforce to support the delivery of quality health services and health outcomes.

Interim Report

The Panel discussed its approach to the Interim Report, including consideration of a background to the Review and the WA health system; a summary of feedback from consultation and engagement; examples of what currently works in the system and other jurisdictions; and testing of key directions being considered by the Panel.

Engagement and Consultation

The Panel's approach to stakeholder engagement and communications is to be proactive and ensure consultation is undertaken with a diverse and wide range of consumers, clinicians, health professionals and stakeholders across sectors. Feedback on the SHR is to be sought through a range of mechanisms, including public submissions, public forums and targeted sessions to be progressively undertaken over the course of the Review.

Ms Kruk has been meeting progressively with stakeholders across the WA health system.

Public Submissions and Public Forums

The Panel has released a call for public submissions, open to all individuals and organisations, and these have been widely promoted across a number of communication channels including direct contact with stakeholders. The Panel will accept public submissions until 2 October 2017 via the SHR website. A series of ten public forums across metropolitan and regional locations were endorsed by the Panel with [details now available on the SHR website](#).

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SHR Panel will be held the week of 18 September 2017.

Further information

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Website: <http://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Improving-WA-Health/Sustainable-health-review>