

Panel Update October 2017

This update highlights the progress of the Sustainable Health Review (SHR) including the third and fourth meetings of the Sustainable Health Review (SHR) Panel held on 18 September 2017 and 13 October 2017 at the North Metropolitan Health Service.

Public and Targeted Engagement

Public Forums have been held in Wembley, Cockburn, Maylands, Joondalup, Albany, Port Hedland, Northam, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Broome and Bunbury with one remaining forum scheduled for Mandurah on 25th October. An updated schedule is available on the [SHR website](#).

A range of clinical sessions have also been held in regional locations with many participants connecting through video-conference across health sites.

Public submissions continue to be received through the SHR website. Over 150 submissions have been received to date from a diverse range of consumers and stakeholders. The closing date for [public submissions](#) has been extended to 27 October 2017 so more people can have their say.

Strong themes continue to emerge, including the importance of social determinants of health, collaboration and partnerships across sectors, health inequities, preventative health, end of life care, culture, workforce, innovation and approach to using information and technology and support services.

A range of other targeted engagement activities is being undertaken by the Panel. Of note, the Panel Chair has met with industry stakeholders from the aboriginal health, primary care and mental health sectors.

Progress towards Interim Report

The Panel has begun discussions regarding the structure and content of its Interim Report. The Interim Report's primary purpose will be to outline feedback received from the public consultation process and to signal preliminary directions for further consultation. The Panel discussed its focus on sustainability, including a high-level lens of driving high-quality care and safe patient outcomes, a focus on patient and staff experience, and cost reduction.

The Panel noted work currently underway to: examine the interfaces between the health, aged care and disability service systems in WA, including recent Commonwealth reforms; financial sustainability; service planning and the State Government's election commitments regarding health.

Small working groups are being formed to assist in bringing together information from public consultations, within the system and across jurisdictions to develop discussion papers on key themes. Each paper will include reference to: the *current state*, including key issues and opportunities; *what works* in WA and other jurisdictions; *future directions*; and *implementation advice*. It is intended this work will form part of public consultation following the release of the Panel's Interim Report.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SHR Panel will be held 23 November 2017.

Further information

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