

Public Submission Form

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Submission Instructions

Please address the Question provided in relation to the Sustainable Health Review Terms of Reference (listed below). Any attachments must be summarised within the submission.
(Suggested maximum 5 pages)

Terms of Reference

- Leveraging existing investment in Primary, Secondary and Tertiary healthcare, as well as new initiatives to improve patient centred service delivery, pathways and transition;
- The mix of services provided across the system, including gaps in service provision, sub-acute, step-down, community and other out-of-hospital services across WA to deliver care in the most appropriate setting and to maximise health outcomes and value to the public;
- Ways to encourage and drive digital innovation, the use of new technology, research and data to support patient centred care and improved performance;
- Opportunities to drive partnerships across sectors and all levels of government to reduce duplication and to deliver integrated and coordinated care;
- Ways to drive improvements in safety and quality for patients, value and financial sustainability, including cost drivers, allocative and technical efficiencies;
- The key enablers of new efficiencies and change, including, research, productivity, teaching and training, culture, leadership development, procurement and improved performance monitoring;
- Any further opportunities concerning patient centred service delivery and the sustainability of the WA health system.

Public Submissions Question

In the context of the Sustainable Health Review Terms of Reference (listed above) what is needed to develop a more sustainable, patient centred health system in WA?

To make health outcomes more efficient and sustainable I have 4 main points.

1/ Include basic dental in Medicare. (Extractions, cleaning, dentures) It is recognised that good dental care impacts strongly on general health.

2/ Allow out of hours service in regional areas via community nurse practitioners. 8AM-4 PM does not serve the needs of a rural community. For example, I needed an injection and wound check twice a day, 12 hours apart. I drove 20 km there, 20 km back twice a day to access a hospital. The Nursing station in my town was NOT allowed to service my needs, even with a willing RN, and my willingness to pay. This continued for 3 MONTHS. 40 km/trip does not qualify for PATS.

3/ Make PATS less unwieldy. One needs a doctor's signature, a PATS office approval and then signatures by the specialist provider. If the original treating doctor (see above) is out of my town, I cannot see PATS there, it must be IN MY TOWN. I can drive 80 km just for signatures for a 120 km trip.

4/ We have never accessed required physio after injury or heart surgery, because they are booked months in advance. Podiatrist is once a month, booked, counselling is once a week, booked full, no dentist, but travelling 75 km each way is not under PATS. Travelling to Perth for physio, etc is not under PATS because the services are listed as HERE, ha ha ha. Besides, physio 3 x a week is a killer trip.