

## Public Submission Cover Sheet

Please complete this sheet and submit with any attachments to the Sustainable Health Review Secretariat

### Your Personal Details

*This information will be used only for contacting you in relation to this submission*

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### Publication of Submissions

*Please note all Public Submissions will be published unless otherwise selected below*

- I do not want my submission published
- I would like my submission to be published but remain anonymous

### Submission Guidance

**You are encouraged to address the following question:**

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

- 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.

### Submissions Response Field

*Please type your response into the field below. Alternatively you may provide your submissions as a separate attachment (Suggested Maximum 5 pages).*

I wish to highlight the importance of Nurse Practitioners as part of the overall healthcare system. I have been relying on a Nurse Practitioner who is close to my work for a number of things, including vitamin B12 injections (as I do not self-inject), follow up blood tests to check my levels, medical certificates for when I have been sick, travel vaccinations and advice on vaccinations, emergency scripts for the contraceptive pill amongst other things.

Without the Nurse Practitioner service, I would have been left high and dry as my usual doctor is very hard to get in to see. For the day-to-day, run of the mill issues it is much more practical and cost effective to see a Nurse Practitioner at a local pharmacy rather than book an appointment at the doctors where you are often waiting several days to see one (not even your chosen GP).

Please keep this invaluable service and seek to expand it out to help give good medical coverage to all West Australians.