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Submission Instructions
<p>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)</p>

Terms of Reference
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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?

I believe we need to increase support for the Narrogin Hospital Maternity Service. Narrogin Services a very large district and while lots of time and support have gone into supporting/keeping the services at Northam going and Katanning (failed), we haven't seen the same enthusiasm and support for the Narrogin service- which has also been struggling. Currently there is only one FTE for midwifery staff- inadequate for optimal antenatal and post natal care, there is a limited pool of staff to call from to staff the unit (becomes more evident in periods of holidays/leave). There are 3 doctors providing Obstetrics procedural skills to the Hospital with a reliance on Locums at least 1 weekend/month. The Obstetrics unit also relies on the availability of theatre for emergencies- this requires both Nursing staff to be on call (very scant numbers currently) and Anaesthetics on call (currently only 2 doctors in the district who provide epidural anaesthesia, one additional who does spinal anaesthesia- but who is also on the roster as a procedural obstetrician).

Ultimately we want a safe and holistic unit which is sustainable into the future.

Assistance with attracting/recruiting new Doctors to the Wheatbelt district remains very important. With SIHI up in the air, this makes an already difficult task that much harder.

Psychology services in the region are also critically low. There is currently a wait time of up to 4 months for patients to access clinical psychology. Whilst GPs can identify and complete Mental Health Care plans. there is very limited services we can refer patients to (less than 2 hours away).