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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).

1. Population of Peel region is expected to increase from 75,000 in 2004 to 179,000 in 2023. Peel Health Campus was established in 1997 (population at that time?) and other than the opening of a paediatric ward has had no increase in footprint. It is imperative that the Government agrees the expansion offered by Ramsay as soon as possible. I understand that the facility offers, within secondary care, value for money compared to WA Public facilities.
2. The aging population is the time bomb. Medical pathways must change as I again understand that continuing present medical models the number of hospital beds would have to increase by 2-3 x by 2030(?). This is not going to happen.
3. In the western world over the past decade life span has increased 4 years but 18 months of this is now requiring constant care.
4. Care of the aging population must be aimed at avoiding hospital admissions. It must become accepted that Primary care is the predominant management in the future and GPs must be trained, incentivised, and supported and to deliver.
5. Presentations to ED through Australia and UK are increasing unsustainably. Colocated urgent GP facilities may reduce ED presentations by 25%
6. It would seem prudent to use tertiary facilities for tertiary cases rather than overloading their expertise with routine and thought might be given to limiting referrals to such from primary care. Thought would then be required on case mix for training.
7. The costs of flagship hospitals in WA has proven prohibitive. Cheaper hospital beds in the periphery +/- dedicated geriatric units would seem realistic in view of the above. In the 60s in the UK every hospital seemed to build a new obstetric unit. So the baby boomers might now expect the new care of the elderly unit.
8. Should we be building large care homes with resident nurses and readily available on site GPs?
9. The private sector is presently driven by contemporary medical models and I do not see how this will change.
10. I doubt that healthcare as we know it is Sustainable. Politicians on both sides of the divide must recognise and inform the public of the difficulties and rationing that lie ahead. This will be an unpalatable truth.

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