

Public Submission Cover Sheet

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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).

The growth facing the Shire of Murray as well as validated above average health issues within our district, there is a desperate need for an increase in service delivery to the outer areas of the Peel region. Keeping the status quo is not an option as the below statistics will attest.

As published by the WA Primary Health Alliance in November 2016, the Population Health Needs Assessment for the Perth South PHN showed Murray as a significantly disadvantaged area in terms of its social, physical and mental health.

The Socio-Economic Indexes for Australia (SEIFA) showed Murray in the bottom 20% of socially disadvantaged in Australia. 13% of the population is 70 or over, which is the 2nd highest in the Perth South PHN.

A significantly higher proportion of the population in Murray self-reported to be in fair to poor health (17.2%) which was the highest in the Perth South PHN and higher than the national average. Obesity was at 35.6%, clearly the highest in the PHN, alcohol abuse the 3rd highest, third highest avoidable deaths from suicide and self-inflicted injuries and the 3rd highest percentage of adults who limit their access to medical services due to unaffordability. Life expectancy is also lower (75 vs Perth 77), and female life expectancy was the lowest in the Perth South PHN.

The report also states that there is a risk of inadequate workforce supply to meet the high level of health needs.

With a lack of public transport, a higher than average age demographic, a low SEIFA index and clear growing health issues, there is an urgent need to put resources into the heart of this district to address the issues.