



Statewide Clinical Networks

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SA Health



Generational Health Review

The Statewide Clinical Networks build on the Generational Health Review.

- to ensure services across all clinical groups are provided on a networked basis to facilitate skill acquisition, maintenance, recruitment and retention of clinical staff, and to improve service quality and patient safety.



SA Health Care Plan

- > The SA Health Care Plan provides the opportunity for the Statewide Clinical Networks to provide essential leadership in the further reform of the health system.



Clinical Networks

- > Clinical Networks are seen, elsewhere in Australian and overseas, as a way of improving patient outcomes and increasing clinician engagement in health service planning and delivery.
- > Clinical Networks span the spectrum from clinical coordination through to planning and priority setting.



South Australia's Clinical Networks

- > Clinical networks are multidisciplinary groups working on a collegiate basis to provide leadership and strategic planning for clinical service development across the continuum of care and across all regional health services—both country and metropolitan.



SA's Eight Clinical Networks

- > Mental Health
- > Cardiology
- > Maternal and Neonatal
- > Child Health
- > Renal
- > Orthopaedics
- > Cancer
- > Rehabilitation



Role of the Clinical Networks

- > Each Clinical Network will bring together providers of a particular specialty or service area from across hospital and community settings.
- > Each Clinical Network Steering Committee, under the leadership of the Network Chair, will be responsible for providing professional leadership to the network and developing the network plan.
- > The Clinical Network Chair will provide the network plan to the Chief Executive, Department of Health.



Clinical Network Responsibilities

- > Planning & Priority Setting
- > Clinical Practice Improvements
- > Workforce Development
- > Teaching & Research
- > Partnerships
- > Consumer Development
- > Performance



Expected Outcomes

- > It is expected that Statewide Clinical Networks will bring to the South Australian health system:
 - Improved quality and safety of service
 - Improved access to health care and improved health outcomes
 - An increased level of clinical leadership
 - A more flexible workforce.
 - A reduction in professional isolation and competition
 - Focus on the continuum of care
 - More rapid response to changing service demands
 - Reduced duplication of services and facilities
 - More sustainable services



Clinical Network Chairpersons

- > Chairpersons for each of the networks are leaders in their clinical fields.
- > Provide direction and expertise to help improve patient outcomes and increase engagement in planning and service delivery.



Project Staff

- > Each Statewide Clinical Network is supported by project staff from the health regions and coordinated by the Statewide Service Strategy Division.



Taking the SA Health Plan Forward



The Case for Change

- > Ageing population
- > Increasing demand
- > Ageing workforce
- > Ageing infrastructure



Key Challenges

In summary, there are two key challenges underpinning the plan

- Enabling the hospital system to respond more adequately to the rise in demand
- Developing out of hospital services to reduce the rate of growth in demand

Stepped care – where & when needed

Clinical Networks

Marjorie Jackson-Nelson Hospital

Major Hospitals

Special Purpose Hospitals – Glenside, Hampstead, St Margaret's

General Hospitals – Country & Metro

GP Plus Health Care Centres–Metro & Country

GP, Private, NGO, Commonwealth and Community Sector

Community & individual capacity for own health and wellbeing



Moving Forward

Considerations for the Network in taking the service forward

- Service delineation
- Workforce development
- Funding mechanism
- Capital investment
- ICT investment