



# TASMANIA'S HEALTH PLAN

## Statewide Clinical Services Planning

Statewide Clinical Services Planning comprises a broad suite of health service projects. To determine which health service projects should be further developed and implemented as statewide service models, a policy and operational framework has been developed to define governance, funding and accountability.

Typically, Statewide Clinical Services take on one of two forms:

**Single Site Services** – de facto statewide services based at a single site which may provide outreach services but have no formal statewide responsibility or accountability for distributed service development; or

**Single Site or Multi Site Services** – which may provide outreach services and have a significant statewide coordinating role, formal responsibility, and accountability to the system as well as to their host hospital.

In making appropriate determinations, there will be some services that can only be managed from a single site due to a range of reasons including service volume, cost, equipment and workforce constraints or dependencies of other site services. Some elements of these services may be provided on an outreach basis in distributed locations, either on an inpatient or non-admitted patient basis.

### How does this help Tasmanians?

New careway models and frameworks will be developed to support these services in consultation with a broad range of clinicians, consumers, research and policy interests in the planning, delivery, evaluation and improvement of health services in Tasmania.

Statewide Clinical Services Planning aims to improve clinical services delivery and health outcomes in Tasmania through:

- The planning of statewide services to ensure efficient and quality driven patient care
- The provision of clinical reform and implementation issues
- Fostering a state-wide view of clinical service planning, policy and clinical reforms
- Greater integration of services within and across all three area health services

### What has happened so far?

The Operational Framework and Statewide Health Service Policy has been developed which will be used to guide and support the design and delivery the suite of Statewide Health Services. This document is fundamental in establishing appropriate statewide health services.

A new state plan for renal services has also been released to address the current fragmented approach to kidney disease in Tasmania and to bring renal services in line with international best practice and evidence –based benchmarks.

The review of scope and operational arrangement for bariatric surgery was completed early in 2009. This document communicated approaches to bariatric surgery nationally and internationally and the frameworks underpinning the provision of services in the areas of review.

A range of evidence based careway models have been developed and are awaiting consideration by the Bariatric Surgery Careway Advisory Group.

### What will happen next?

The Statewide Service Operational Framework is now available to operational units, to develop statewide services within their scope. The Bone Marrow Transplantation Statewide Service was the first to be approved under this framework.

The Bariatric Surgery Careway Advisory Group will provide expert advice on careway models and provide recommendations for the department to consider regarding a preferred model for the provision of bariatric surgery in Tasmania. This work will also inform the development of an integrated plan for the management of morbid obesity.