

Clarence Integrated Care Centre (ICC) Project – Update December 2008

The Department of Health and Human Services has engaged Consultant John Ramsay & Associates to develop a Governance model for an Integrated Care Centre/GP Super Clinic in Clarence. This work will also be used to develop governance guidelines for other integrated care initiatives in Tasmania.

The following questions relating to how the Clarence ICC should be managed and governed will be considered by the consultants:

- How should the General Practice and related services at Clarence be managed as a GP Super Clinic in the future?
- Should the GP Super Clinic and the new Integrated Care Centre be regarded as a single entity or as separate but related bodies?
- What governance arrangements should apply to service providers who use the Centre on a visiting basis (from within DHHS or externally)?
- What governance arrangements should apply to service providers which may be based at Clarence but are currently managed through another part of DHHS?
- What governance arrangements should apply to service providers which may be based in Clarence but are currently independent private practitioners or non government organisations?

- What would be the best way to govern the relationships between DHHS partners such as the Divisions of General Practice, other GP organisations, non government organisations providing services from Clarence, and the University of Tasmania?
- What form of community involvement is required in the governance of Clarence?

Clinical governance arrangements for the centre will be a crucial part of the overall governance structure, and consultation with experts undertaking the service planning processes will be necessary to ensure alignment.

What the Consultant will provide:

- A report recommending the future governance arrangements for services at the Clarence Integrated Care site (31 January 2009).
- A short high level document that provides guidance to those determining governance structures for integrated care initiatives and services in Tasmania (by 31 January 2009).

John Ramsay will be meeting with key stakeholders in December & January and can be contacted on 0419 345 476 or email jaramsay@bigpond.net.au

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