



TASMANIA'S HEALTH PLAN

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Refinement of the Clinical Services Plan

A report by Dr Heather Wellington recommending updates to the Clinical Services Plan to accommodate recent developments such as the Commonwealth's takeover of the Mersey hospital is expected to be completed by the end of February.

Dr Wellington is in the middle of four weeks of consultations with key stakeholders from within the healthcare system and the community, particularly in the North and North West.

Her review will take into account the latest hospital activity data available, and any major changes in service delivery since the Clinical Services Plan was released in May 2007.

Dr Wellington will look at how the Tasmanian healthcare system can work with the Mersey Community Hospital to deliver an appropriate range of acute hospital services to the communities of the North West and West coasts.

Staff and community consultation

A series of meetings is being held over the next two months to engage staff and the community in the implementation of Tasmania's Health Plan.

Local forums for community health staff and clients

Staff and local community members are invited to attend forums throughout February and early March to hear updates on progress with implementation.

Meetings are planned for more than 30 sites around the State (see next page for details).

Staff forums at the major hospitals will be held after Dr Heather Wellington's review is completed, so staff in the acute health sector can be updated on any revisions to the Clinical Services Plan.

Regional community forums

Key stakeholders have been invited to take part in regional community forums about implementation of Tasmania's Health Plan.

The forums, to be held in Hobart, Launceston and Burnie in March, will include an update on progress with implementation and opportunities for stakeholder input.

Tasmania's Health Plan includes a commitment to engage regional communities in the implementation process.

The three major hospitals, Tasmanian Ambulance Service and community health services will be represented at the meetings.

Stakeholder bodies which will be invited to send a representative to the forums include the AMA and health sector unions, the General Practice Tasmania network, Rural Doctors Association of Tasmania, University of Tasmania, local government councils and key health non-government organisations.

Ten consumer representatives will be identified for each forum.

Between 35 and 50 stakeholders are expected to attend each regional forum. The same participants will be asked to attend two forums in each region every year for the next three years.

The first set of meetings will be held in Hobart on 3 March, Launceston on 18 March and Burnie on 20 March.

For more information about the regional and local forums, contact Amanda Daly on 6233 7853 or amanda.daly@dhhs.tas.gov.au.

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Services at Ouse

The State Government is proposing an independent review into the local community's suggestion of a health multi-purpose service at Ouse.

Plans to turn the Ouse District Hospital into a community health centre – as outlined in Tasmania's Health Plan – have been suspended since October 2007. This follows a series of meetings between the State Government, the then Federal Coalition Government and the local community.

In December 2007, the Minister for Health and Human Services, Lara Giddings, proposed an independent review of the local community's suggestion that there be a multi-purpose health service at Ouse, which would include a mix of inpatient and aged care beds.

She is awaiting Commonwealth agreement to commission the review (the Commonwealth is responsible for aged care services).

In brief

- Tasmania has received \$8.1 million in Commonwealth funding to **reduce elective surgery waiting times**. The funding means 895 Tasmanians on elective surgery waiting lists will have their operation this year. Details of a Tasmanian strategy to further reduce waiting times – and keep them down on an ongoing basis – will be released shortly. Health system improvements set out in Tasmania's Health Plan are helping to make this new strategy achievable.
- The State Government assumed full responsibility of the **Tasmanian Familial Bowel Cancer Registry** on 1 January this year, in line with recommendations in Tasmania's Health Plan. The registry is now managed by the Tasmanian Clinical Genetics Services. It is hoped that future advances in cancer screening technology will mean the registry can expand to include people at high risk of other forms of cancer.

Contact the implementation team

Implementation of Tasmania's Health Plan is being coordinated by a small team comprising members of the DHHS's Acute Care Strategies and Reform and Community Health Reform units.

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Local community health forum dates

For staff only

Kings Meadows Community Health Centre	19 Feb, 11.30am
Launceston , John L Grove Centre (also for staff of Allambi, Anne O'Byrne)	28 Feb, 3pm
Ouse District Hospital	TBA
Queenstown HealthWest	22 Feb, 1.30pm
Ravenswood , Kings Meadows Community Health Centre	19 Feb, 11.30am
Rosebery Community Health Centre	22 Feb, 9am
St Helens Hospital	18 Feb, 2pm
St Marys Community Health Centre	18 Feb, 10am
Triabunna , Spring Bay Community Health Centre	13 Feb, 10.30am

For local community and staff

Beaconsfield District Health Service Day Centre	26 Feb, 11am
Bruny Island Bowls Club, Adventure Bay	18 Feb 9am
Burnie Community Health Centre, Jones Street (also for Parkside staff and clients)	13 Feb, 12.30pm
Campbell Town Health and Community Service	15 Feb, 12.30pm
Clarence Community Health Centre	1 Feb, 1.30pm
Deloraine , Meander Valley Centre for Health and Wellbeing	29 Feb, 9am
Devonport Community Health Centre	13 Feb, 3pm
Esperance (Dover) Multipurpose Centre	19 Feb, 11am
Flinders Island Multipurpose Centre (Day Centre)	14 Feb 10am
George Town Hospital	7 Mar, 10am
Glenorchy Community Health Centre	6 Feb, 3pm
Hobart , Repatriation Centre (training room, 1 st floor of Peacock Building)	4 Feb 2pm
Huonville Community Health Centre	19 Feb 2pm
King Island Multipurpose Centre	29 Feb 1pm
Kingston Community Health Centre	18 Feb 12.30pm
New Norfolk District Hospital	14 Feb 3pm
Oatlands Multipurpose Centre	8 Feb, 11am
Ouse District Hospital	TBA
Queenstown HealthWest	22 Feb, 3pm
Rosebery Community Health Centre	22 Feb, 10.30am
Scottsdale , North East Soldiers Memorial Hospital and Community Service Centre	7 Mar, 1pm
Smithton Community Health	7 Feb, 12 noon
Sorell Community Health Centre	1 Feb, 11am
St Helens Hospital (Day Centre)	18 Feb, 3.30pm
St Marys Community Health Centre	18 Feb, 11.30am
Swansea , May Shaw Health and Wellbeing Centre	13 Feb, 3pm
Tasman (Nubeena) , Country Women's Association, Nubeena	4 Mar, 2pm
Triabunna , Spring Bay Community Health Centre	13 Feb, 12.30pm
Ulverstone Civic Centre	15 Feb, 10.30am
Westbury Day Centre	29 Feb, 11.30am
Wynyard Community Centre	7 Feb, 3pm