Memorandum of Understanding

Working Together to Improve the Health of Tasmanians

Between

Primary Health Tasmania (PHT)

and

Tasmanian Health Service (THS)

and

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
1.1 Purpose

Tasmania’s size, economy and relative health status pose significant challenges and opportunities that cannot be effectively addressed by different organisations acting in isolation.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) confirms the commitment to a collaborative working relationship between the parties and working together with consumers to optimise health outcomes for and service delivery to the people of Tasmania. This commitment will support and enable the successful implementation of national and state health policies, key strategies and plans.

1.2 Principles

In signing this MoU all parties acknowledge the following principles:

- The basis of the MoU is a commitment to foster and continue to strengthen cooperation and collaboration between the parties on activities of mutual interest at both strategic and operational levels for the benefit of the Tasmanian population.

- The MoU seeks to optimise information sharing, knowledge management and use of data and resources to ensure relevant policies, strategies and activities are planned, evaluated, integrated and complementary as appropriate.

- The MoU does not seek to establish a legal relationship between the parties and acknowledges that the MoU provisions are not legally binding.

- The MoU does not seek to commit any of the parties to funding agreements and acknowledges that generally each party shall be responsible for the costs of its own contributions to the provisions of the MoU and any agreed activities.

- That each of the organisations brings to the collaboration equal and valid perspectives of health care, acknowledging prevention, primary, secondary, tertiary and aged care as essential components of a comprehensive health care system.

- A joint collaborative work plan as determined and agreed by the parties will be developed each year as the mechanism to facilitate collaboration. This work plan will become a schedule to the MoU.

1.3 Monitoring

Monitoring of this MoU and appended Schedules will be by means of regular meetings of senior representatives from each of the parties to this MoU guided by TOR.

1.4 Review

The MoU will be formally reviewed every three years however may be amended at any time by agreement in writing of the Parties.