

FACT SHEET

Hunter New England Health's Strategic Directions

Background

HNE Health has developed a suite of plans that outline the direction of health service development and delivery across the Hunter New England Health area for the next five years.

The plans include:

- A New Direction for Hunter New England – Health Service Strategic Plan towards 2010
- Area Healthcare Services Plan 2006 - 2010
- Clinical Services Plans, including:
 - Aged Care and Rehabilitation Services Plan
 - Cancer Services Plan
 - Mental Health Services Plan
 - Chronic Disease Services Plan

Additional clinical services plans will follow, as will plans for corporate services that support the delivery of clinical services.

What is HNE Health's Service Strategic Plan towards 2010?

HNE Health's Strategic Plan is our overarching strategic document outlining our corporate vision, purpose and values, and the strategic directions and initiatives to be implemented over the next five years.

The plan aims to build on the strengths of our organisation and further develop the capability of HNE Health into the future.

A New Direction for Hunter New England – Health Service Strategic Plan towards 2010 is available at:

http://www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/services_plans

Building on the strengths of health services in the Hunter New England Health region by enhancing the delivery and quality of those services

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Does HNE Health's Service Strategic Plan towards 2010 consider other NSW government strategies?

HNE Health's Strategic Plan reflects priorities identified in the NSW State Plan and is closely aligned to the NSW State Health Plan. Our plan outlines the specific initiatives we will undertake to achieve our vision of *Healthier communities: Excellence in healthcare*.

For example, the childhood obesity program *Good for Kids. Good for Life* is one of a range of initiatives that HNE Health is implementing to improve health and well-being.

Similarly, we're working in partnership with local Aboriginal people to improve the health of Aboriginal communities in the Hunter New England Health region.

What is the Area Healthcare Services Plan 2006-2010?

The Area Healthcare Services Plan is HNE Health's highest level service planning document, focusing on the direction of clinical services development and delivery across the area.

Examples of initiatives that will be implemented as part of this plan include the expansion of our Multi Purpose Service program, a new dialysis unit at Manning Hospital, and increased resources for mental health services.

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The Area Healthcare Services Plan is available at:

http://www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0011/36668/Final_Area_Healthcare_Services_Plan_3May07.pdf

How were the plans developed?

HNE Health's Service Strategic Plan and Area Healthcare Services Plan were developed in consultation with staff and our communities.

The process involved over 90 initial consultations to help identify priority issues and suggestions for meeting service needs and gaps. Draft plans were developed and staff and community members were again consulted before the plans were finalised.

What are Clinical Services Plans?

The next level of plans in the suite are Clinical Services Plans, strategic plans that present the directions and development of specific clinical services across the Area.

These plans are an important part of the planning process as they outline the future directions for a service and identify strategies and initiatives to be implemented.

The following Clinical Services Plans have been finalised and are available on the HNE Health website at:

- **Aged Care and Rehabilitation Services Plan**

http://www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0019/36532/HNE_Health_Aged_Care_and_Rehabilitation_Services_Plan.pdf

- **Cancer Services Plan**

http://www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0020/36533/HNE_Health_Cancer_Services_Plan.pdf

- **Mental Health Services Plan**

http://www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0003/36534/HNE_Health_Mental_Health_Services_Plan_2006_-_2010.pdf

- **Chronic Disease Services Plan**

http://www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0018/36531/HNE_Chronic_Disease_Services_Plan_October06.pdf

More clinical services plans will follow.

How will we achieve our strategic directions?

Each year, HNE Health's senior executive team considers the Area's Strategic Plan and Area Healthcare Services Plan and develops an annual operational plan to achieve our strategic objectives.

HNE Health will make sound decisions as to the best use of the resources available to it through government funding, revenues and other sources, to implement the plans by 2010.

The plans will be regularly reviewed and adjusted to reflect the allocation and re-allocation of resources to priority areas of healthcare.

We are committed to implementing the plans and, where necessary, endeavouring to secure funding for initiatives that may require new funding.

Where do we want to be in 2010?

By 2010, HNE Health will have made significant progress towards achieving our vision of *Healthier communities: Excellence in healthcare*.

To find out more

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http://www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/services_plans