

FACT SHEET

Plans in Development

HNE Health is developing a suite of plans that will outline the direction of health services development and delivery across the Hunter New England area into the future.

To date the following plans have been completed and released:

- 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
 - Chronic Disease services Plan
 - Mental Health Services Plan

The following Clinical Services Plans are nearing release or are to be completed this year:

- Aboriginal Health Plan
- Children, Young People and Families Services Plan
- Renal Services Plan
- Cardiac Services Plan
- Stroke Services Plan
- Diabetes Services Plan

As well, HNE Health is currently developing a Framework to Support Adults Managing Obesity and Morbid Obesity.

Aboriginal Health Services Plan

The Aboriginal Health Plan is being developed in partnership with Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services, HNE Health, local Aboriginal communities and other key stakeholders.

The Plan will facilitate:

- A coordinated approach to improving health outcomes for Hunter New England Aboriginal communities
- Collaboration between HNE Health, Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations and other sectors to provide culturally sensitive and accessible health services

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

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- The ongoing development of effective partnerships with Aboriginal communities, government and non-government agencies
- And, strategies to address the health needs of the Aboriginal population and include Aboriginal Health as core business in all related health services across the Hunter New England

The plan is due to be released in September.

Children, Young People and Families Services Plan

The purpose of the Children, Young People and Families Services Plan is to outline the strategic directions for the development of children, young people and families services over the next five years and to identify strategies that will guide the development of a cohesive, integrated, area-wide approach to the provision of health care to children, young people and families of the Hunter New England area. Violence Care and Prevention services are an integral part of this service plan and are inclusive of adults, children, young people and families.

The plan is due for release in August 2007.

Renal Services Plan

With the increasing prevalence of kidney disease, particularly amongst Aboriginal, elderly and co-morbid population groups, the development of a Renal Services Plan was identified as a priority for HNE Health.

The plan considers the direction of renal services across the Hunter New England in view of the expected significant growth in demand for renal dialysis and transplantation services.

Hunter New England Health's strategic direction

Key health issues identified:

- The growing incidence of people with end stage kidney (renal) disease and the need to focus resources on providing dialysis services;
- Need to support the identification and management of people with chronic kidney disease;
- Patients access to renal dialysis services particularly the location of services and transport options available;
- Renal Transplantation Services need to increase live donor and deceased donor programs

The plan is due for release in August/September 2007.

Cardiac Services Plan

The scope of the Cardiac Services Plan is the prevention of heart disease and the care and treatment of adults with heart disease including: - Pre-Hospital; Acute services; Rehabilitation and Community services.

The plan is an opportunity to:

- Build on the strengths and experience of best practice models of care suited to the variety of contexts of HNE Health.
- Ensure a skilled and experienced workforce is available and maintained across the area to provide consistent and appropriate care.
- Address inequities for people with cardiovascular disease, their families and carers in relation to access to timely and evidence based services across rural and urban settings.

The plan is due for completion in November 2007.

Stroke Services Plan

The scope of the Stroke Services Plan is the prevention of stroke and the care and treatment of adults, children and young people with stroke including pre-hospital, acute services, post acute/rehabilitation services and Community services.

Key Issues:

- Across the geography of the area health service there are differences in the planning and development of Stroke services. The clinical services plan development needs to support integration of services across the service spectrum.
- This is an opportunity to build on the strengths and learning's of best practice models of care.
- It is necessary to ensure a skilled and experienced workforce is available across the area to provide appropriate care.
- Inequities exist for people with stroke, their families and carers in relation to access to timely and evidence based care services across rural and urban settings.

The plan is due for completion in September 2007.

Diabetes Services Plan

The development of the Diabetes Services Plan is about to commence and should be completed by the end of the year.

Framework to Supporting Adults Managing Obesity and Morbid Obesity

The development of a comprehensive and multidisciplinary approach to the management of adult obesity and morbid obesity has been identified as an area priority, with the framework due for completion November 2007. The Framework focuses on obese and morbidly obese adults (16 years and above).

The purpose of the Framework to Support Adults managing Obesity and Morbid Obesity is to determine the:

- Strategic direction of obesity services to be provided by HNE Health
- Scope of services to be offered
- Patient groups to be targeted
- Service development priorities (including workforce priorities)
- Resources required

For more information on Plans in Development contact HNE Health's Planning Unit on 4921 4929