

Central Hume Primary Care Partnership Strategic Plan 2009—2012



Vision: the journey of people accessing and using health services in the Central Hume Region is positive and seamless

Mission: improve the health and wellbeing of the local population

Functions: strengthen inter-agency coordination, research, needs identification, planning and outcomes monitoring

Values: inclusive, integrity, diversity

Strategic Priorities

to improve the health of individuals and the functioning of the system as a whole

Priority 1 Strengthening Partnerships

What does this mean?

- Member organisations have prioritised working together locally to meet their community needs
- We need an Executive Group which can resource and monitor the implementation of the Strategic Plan

What we want to do together:

- Develop four local PCP networks to advance the work of the partnership
- Form a new executive structure to guide the partnerships activity
- Build the skills of organisations to use research and evaluation
- Build the skills and evidence-base of organisations to produce integrated plans within our four local government areas
- Explore the use of new information technology tools to keep organisations involved and able to contribute to the partnership

Priority 2 Creating Healthy Communities

What does this mean?

- Health and wellbeing are influenced by the environment in which we live
- We have rising levels of chronic disease in our communities
- People with Chronic Disease often have complex needs
- Partnerships support better management of Chronic Disease

What we want to do together:

- Promote health lifestyles
- Support early detection of risk
- Encourage self-management
- Work towards addressing the issues raised by an ageing population
- Encourage life-long learning
- Develop an approach to reduce the incidence of under-age & binge drinking in young people

Disease Priorities:
Cardiovascular & Diabetes

Priority 3 Coordination & Access

What does this mean?

- We have a complex health service which looks different in each of our local government areas
- Our population is ageing, increasing the need of people to access services
- There can be equity issues surrounding the accessibility of services

What do we want to do together:

- Improve communication and coordination between services
- Integrate services to provide a seamless system with a no 'wrong door' for users
- Present services which are accessible to vulnerable groups
- Assist each other to re-orientate the health system to be more client-centred
- Use the local PCP networks to identify emerging issues, gaps or replication in services
- Apply quality measures to interagency service coordination

Priority 4 Inclusion and Resilience

Promoting Mental Health & Wellbeing

What does this mean?

- Social networks and social ties have a beneficial effect on mental health outcomes
- Well planned community infrastructure promotes a more socially inclusive environment
- Natural disasters and extreme weather events can cause added stress
- People want to be included in decision-making that affects them

What we want to do together:

- Promote inclusion of minority groups in planning and service system design
- Increase opportunities for socially isolated people to be included
- Develop & support opportunities to respond to climate change
- Encourage a built environment that promotes, active citizenship, social equity and safety

All priorities are supported by the use of evidence and ongoing evaluation