

South Western Sydney Local Health District - Our Board Communique

Strategic Priorities Update



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Board Chair

Last year, the SWSLHD Board released the SWSLHD Strategic Plan 2022-2027 Framework.

Responsibility for implementing this plan includes the Board and Executive Leadership Team, and each and every one of our facilities and services.

There has been significant progress already made as the Strategic Plan is operationalised through a range of plans and initiatives.

The Workforce Plan, Aboriginal Health Plan, Digital Health Strategy, Keeping People Healthy – Prevention Strategy, Multicultural Partnership Strategy, and Wellbeing Framework are just some of the plans that you will be hearing more about as they are implemented across our District.

The Board and its committees also have specific responsibility for delivering against each Strategic Direction and have identified five key Board Priority Areas on which to focus.

- Stakeholder engagement
- Innovation framework
- System sustainability
- Develop models of care
- Support and develop our people

This communique shows how these Board Priorities have been designed to support the Strategic Plan 2022-2027 and ultimately achieve our vision of leading safe, sustainable care for a healthier community.

On behalf of the Board I thank each and every one of our staff for their ongoing commitment to safe high-quality care.



District Strategic Plan: Strengthen and promote healthier communities Board Priority 1: Stakeholder engagement

Our stakeholder footprint is vast and deep. The work of the District affects every person within its communities, is a major employer in the region, and influences education and infrastructure development.

The Board has responsibility for ensuring our stakeholders are engaged with our services. Board members play an active role in representing the District to community groups, health providers, staff and consumers.

Our consumers and patients are the very reason health services exist. The Board's is focusing on our consumer engagement framework and the Consumer and Community Council and the important role consumer representatives and their input play in our health service.

The formation of the South West Sydney Multicultural Partnership in 2022 cemented the importance of intentional, formal collaboration between the District and local multicultural organisations.

By examining our consumer engagement framework we ensure community voices are represented, opportunities for improvement identified and mechanisms in place to actively seek feedback on the design and operation of our services and facilities.

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District Strategic Plan: Lead research and innovation Board Priority 2: Innovation framework

Health and medicine are at the forefront of innovation. Our staff, clinicians, and research and technology partners must be enabled to improve models of care, implement the best medical devices, advance digital health and contribute to health innovation within our District and globally.

Fostering innovation is a priority for our Board. Providing a sound framework within which to innovate, test and learn and research improvements in medicine, care, technology and the health system is critical to achieving this.



District Strategic Plan: Build a sustainable future Board Priority 3: System sustainability

As a health service, we are responsible for the sustainability of our services, the appropriate use of community funds and our impact on our environment.

The Board's Finance and Assets Committee provides oversight of the District's use of resources to improve the way we work so that more funds can be re-directed back into care, services and improvements. Equally, the environmental impacts of our service are considered.



District Strategic Plan: Deliver safe quality care Board Priority 4: Develop models of care

Our communities are growing and increasingly diverse, hospitals are expanding, digital health and medical interventions are ever evolving, and health needs are changing due to lifestyle, environmental and demographic factors.

Ensuring safe, high-quality care that addresses the everchanging landscape with work within is vital. That's why the Board's Healthcare, Quality and Safety Committee oversees not only the delivery of services and care, but the improvements that can and should be made.



District Strategic Plan: Support and develop our people Board Priority 5: Support and develop our people

SWSLHD is a large and complex organisation with a broad range of functions and operations delivered by a diverse range of disciplines. Therefore, developing our workforce requires planning and focused attention to attract, develop, retain and recognise the talented staff who work across our District.

The Workforce Wellbeing and Culture Board Committee was formed in 2022 in recognition of the importance of our staff and is identifying priorities and initiatives in this area.

You can find out more about the Board and its committees [on our website](#).