



TASMANIA'S HEALTH PLAN

Partnerships

I. Working with General Practice

General practice is often the first point of contact for primary health services. Tasmania's Health Plan sets out the goal of developing a new relationship between the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and general practice. Implementation projects are being carried out in partnership with the General Practice Tasmania network, under the auspice of the Memorandum of Understanding "Collaboration for Improved Health Outcomes".

The General Practice Tasmania network supports contemporary general practice in Tasmania by linking GPs with each other, by supporting all members of the general practice team and, increasingly, by enabling, supporting and/or closely liaising with allied health professionals as part of the primary health service team. More information on the General Practice Tasmania network may be found at <http://www.gptasmania.com.au/>.

Key activities completed/in progress:

The DHHS has begun work with the General Practice Tasmania network to deliver:

- increased support, through General Practice Workforce Tasmania, to aid in the recruitment and retention of general practitioners to Tasmania; and
- an expansion of the approaches to chronic disease self management through multidisciplinary teams involving general practitioners and other health professionals.

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2. Working with the University of Tasmania

The DHHS and the University of Tasmania Faculty of Health Science recognise the value and importance of developing and maintaining a strong strategic partnership. They are committed to working together to maintain and develop a healthy workforce and to contribute to the health and well being of the people of Tasmania through education, training and quality service delivery

The Partners in Health Strategic Partnership has provided high-level leadership in the relationship between the DHHS and University of Tasmania, Faculty of Health Sciences. More information on Partners in Health may be found at <http://www.healthsci.utas.edu.au/pih/index.html>.

Key activities completed/in progress:

The DHHS has begun work with the University to:

- expand the range of teaching sites in primary health by examining the feasibility of a Primary Health Clinical Education Centre at the Clarence Community Health Centre; and
- explore the potential to expand allied health tertiary education within Tasmania, starting with physiotherapy.

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