



One State, One Health System, Better Outcomes

One health system for everyone means that patients in the south will get higher quality services and better care.

Despite the best efforts of doctors, nurses and other health professionals, our health system is letting people down, it needs to change.

We have spent a lot of time listening to Tasmanians about what they need from our health system. Now we have released the final White Paper, which talks about the changes we will make so Tasmania's health system is better for everyone.

Instead of regional health systems competing against each other for specialists and equipment, we have now moved to one single state-wide system where we all work together.

This is not about saving money – it is about getting people off waiting lists and into better care.

Every hospital will remain open and have an important role to play.

Hospitals will specialise in the procedures they are best equipped to provide and patients will go to where the best service and experts are provided.

That may be on your doorstep, or it could mean going to a hospital a little further away. To make travel easier on patients and their families, we are investing \$24 million to strengthen transport and accommodation support.

What's important is that you will get the best medical attention.

This new, better coordinated approach will result in less duplication and waste, so a greater share of health funding can go towards more people getting treated and waiting lists being reduced.

The benefits of one health system will be shared around Tasmania with higher quality services and better results for patients.

Patient transport

The reforms mean everyone has access to better health services throughout Tasmania. To make sure you can access all the health care services available in Tasmania, the State Government is investing \$24 million over the next four years in patient and family transport and accommodation services. This means:

- **New Trauma, Neonate and Paediatric Retrieval and Referral Service** to build on and improve the current service, enhance coordination between transport and medical services, improve standards of care and deliver better value.
- **Addition of helipads** at the North West Regional Hospital and the Mersey Community Hospital to link enhance our aero-medical retrieval capabilities.
- **Funding for new affordable accommodation** for patients and their families who need to travel for treatment.
- **Increased use of tele-health** so consultations with specialists elsewhere in the state can take place without you needing to travel.



What does this mean for the South?

One health system for everyone means that patients in Southern Tasmania will get higher quality services and better care when they need to use our health system.

As the largest public hospital in Tasmania, the Royal Hobart Hospital has an important role to play in a more coordinated health system that benefits everyone.

The redeveloped RHH will continue to be a hub for the entire State when it comes to providing neurosurgery, cardiothoracic surgery, neonatal and paediatric intensive services, vascular surgery and major trauma care.

As part of One State, One Health System, Better Outcomes, the RHH will:

- **Deliver more complex respiratory services**, reducing the need for interstate travel.
- **Increase child and adolescent mental health services** with a dedicated adolescent unit.
- **Strengthen trauma services.** The RHH will be the principal hospital for major trauma cases across the State. Supported by the emergency transport system, the RHH will provide all necessary care for the most critically injured patients.

For more information go to:
www.onehealthsystem.tas.gov.au

Delivering Better Care

The \$657 million RHH redevelopment is a major investment in providing better health care for all Tasmanians. New hospital wards will replace outdated facilities, allowing doctors, nurses and other hospital staff to deliver health care in a modern and efficient environment.

This will:

- Improve the way the RHH delivers services, getting better health outcomes for patients, including providing more single bed rooms.
- Deliver greatly improved facilities for mental health patients.
- Create new areas enabling care for children needing mental health services away from the adult acute mental health service.
- Include a new helipad to eliminate critical delays when delivering patients in need of urgent medical care.
- Deliver a new hyperbaric chamber to help elderly patients heal from injuries as well as improve support for both professional and recreational divers.

Work is underway to move patients out of the construction zone at the RHH. Demolition of the current building will start in early 2016 and the new building will be complete in 2018.