

Health Equity Regional Consultations



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Bundaberg	Hervey Bay	Toowoomba	Charleville	Maroochydore	Cairns	Bamaga, Thursday Is, Weipa	Longreach	Townsville	Mackay	Rockhampton	South-East Queensland (in Brisbane)	Mount Isa

Charleville

workshops

PRIORITY REFORMS

Drive an antiracism strategy across the health

Increase **Queensland** Health's **First Nations** employment commensurate to local population or hospital (which is greater).

Embed cultural capability into

PRINCIPLE 1: FIRST NATIONS LEADERSHIP

IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES

- for **First Nations** voices to be heard in the mainstream health system.
- Aboriginal and **Torres Strait Islander concepts** of health need to shape local models of care.
- More Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people working in leadership and frontline positions across the health system.
- data is governed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

PRINCIPLE 2: LOCAL AND REGIONAL DECISION-MAKING

- Establish structures
 Forge effective and genuine partnerships between healthcare **providers** and address unresolved issues.
 - Establish regional governance mechanisms (a coalition of regional stakeholders) to ensure collaboration and co-design between providers.
 - Identify where resources are best used across the health system and erase duplication of effort.
 - Create a data portal to share healthcare data between local healthcare providers for planning.
 - Require leaders and executives (Chief Executives and Chief Executive Officers) to work together and hold people accountable for delivering integrated healthcare services.
- Ensure local health
 The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community controlled health (ATSICCHO) sector can share their experience and knowledge with other healthcare providers.

PRINCIPLE 3: REORIENTING LOCAL HEALTH SYSTEMS

- Health improvements are dependent on addressing key issues for communities—health services need to be redesigned to respond to local needs and priorities.
- Involve First Nations peoples in decisions about the type of care they want and need.
- Ensure culturally safe, coordinated and streamlined care along the entire patient journey from primary through to secondary and tertiary care.
- Invest in long-term 'grow our own' employment pathways to create, attract and retain a skilled local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workforce to meet local requirements.
- Create models of care that maximise the use of e-health and telehealth for people to receive treatment locally and in their own homes to minimise treatments away from home.
- Embrace innovative solutions to address the barriers to accessing care in rural and remote areas.
- Review and reflect on the past—what's worked well and what needs improving?
- Improve and strengthen referral, care coordination and brokerage processes across the patient journey.

PRINCIPLE 4: CULTURAL CAPABILITY

- Proactively audit and address racism and racist practices across the health system—accountability needs strengthening.
- Streamline complaints processes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff and patients.
- Upskill non-Indigenous staff by providing ongoing cultural onboarding and undertake regular capability checks about working in culturally safe manner.
- Improve communication to ensure local people understand their **journey** across the health system.
- Understand and accept that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have diverse perspectives and different cultural needs.
- Create welcoming environments in hospitals.

PRINCIPLE 5: SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

- Family wellbeing is paramount better integration and interconnection is needed between the health system and the social determinants of health (e.g. housing and education) for the long-term wellbeing of families and communities.
- The local health system needs to be **holistic** by focusing on family and place.