



STATEMENT OF PRIORITIES

The Statement of Priorities identifies Hesse's 2021-2022 deliverables and outcomes.

Maintain robust COVID-19 readiness and response, working with the department to ensure rapid response to outbreaks, if and when they occur, which includes providing testing for the community and staff, where necessary and if required. This includes preparing to participate in, and assist with, the implementation of COVID-19 vaccine immunisation program rollout, ensuring the local community's confidence in the program.

Actively collaborate on the development and delivery of priorities within your Health Service Partnership, contribute to inclusive and consensus-based decision-making, support optimum utilisation of services, facilities and resources with the Partnership, and be collectively accountable for delivering against Partnership accountabilities as set out in the Health Service Partnership Policy & Guidelines.

Engage with your community to address the needs of patients, especially our vulnerable Victorians whose care has been delayed due to the pandemic and provide the necessary "catch-up" care to support them to get back on track. Work collaboratively with your Health Service Partnership to:

- Implement the Better at Home initiative to enhance in-home and virtual models of patient care when it is safe, appropriate and consistent with patient preference.
- Improve elective surgery performance and ensure that patients who have waited longer than clinically recommended for treatment have their needs addressed as a priority.

Address critical mental health demand pressures and support the implementation of mental health system reforms to embed integrated mental health and suicide prevention pathways for people with, or at risk of, mental illness or suicide through a whole-of-system approach as an active participant in your Health Service Partnership and through your Partnership's engagement with Regional Mental Health and Wellbeing Boards.

Embed the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Safety Framework into your organisation and build a continuous quality improvement approach to improving cultural safety, underpinned by Aboriginal self-determination, to ensure delivery of culturally safe care to Aboriginal patients and families, and to provide culturally safe workplaces for Aboriginal employees.