

Queensland Primary Health Care Network (QPHCN)

The Queensland Primary Health Care Network (QPHCN) is a group of primary health care related organisations, who have come together with a common interest - to network, share information and gain a collective understanding of the opportunities and challenges facing primary health care in Queensland. Network members incorporate non-government, community, consumer and allied health organisations.

Currently, a range of challenges face the primary health care sector including increasing consumer demand, increase in the prevalence of chronic disease, increased workforce shortages, disparities in access and outcomes, as well as a lack of effective integration between primary health care, social and community services, acute and aged care services.

Vision for Primary Health Care in Queensland

Our vision for primary health care in Queensland is a system where the person, family and community drive the delivery of services based on need. Health services are universally available to all people, regardless of geographical location, culture, ethnicity and economic or social status. It acknowledges and responds to the demographical diversity within Queensland and improves access and equity by targeting disadvantaged, marginalised and low income groups.

It is focussed on preventing illness and promoting health, reducing the need for curative and crisis driven responses. It promotes evidence-based quality primary health care provision. Public participation is a critical component. People are involved in decisions about their own health, and can participate in identifying the needs of their community. This ensures respect for diversity and flexible and responsive care. It also improves the quality and safety of health care.

The system is supported by integrated public policy that reflects the need for economic and social policy to improve health outcomes. Intersectoral collaboration and co-operation ensures the right mix of services is delivered to meet the needs of people accessing health services including the most disadvantaged. This includes a seamless transition to and from hospital and pathways between services. In this system, individuals and families understand the social determinants of health and can develop skills to maintain health and wellbeing.

Meeting Dates 2016

- 17 February
- 18 May
- 17 August
- 16 November

Refer to the QPHCN Vision Statement, available from the CheckUP website, for the complete outline for the QPHCN.

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