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WAPHA welcomes Sustainable Health Review

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WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) looks forward to contributing to the State Government's Sustainable Health Review and helping to deliver a healthier WA for all.

WAPHA believes that innovative service delivery and meaningful partnerships at the local and state-wide level are the foundation of a strong, effective patient-centred health care and will be a key factor in ensuring a sustainable health sector.

WAPHA chief executive officer Learne Durrington said that in the almost two years since the organisation was established, it had already made significant progress in commissioning innovative services and bridging the divide between primary and acute care, and primary and social care.

"We have a wealth of expertise to contribute to the Review including the benefits of an integrated, comprehensive primary health care model delivered on the ground by primary health practitioners, usually GPs, who know the patient, their family and social circumstances best," Ms Durrington said.

"However, the primary health care system needs the support of a strong and sustainable secondary and tertiary hospital system to ensure the best possible health outcomes for our community."

WAPHA applauds the Minister for Health for instigating the Review and has already begun to frame its thinking by tapping in to the wealth of expertise that exists within the organisation and across its external networks.

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About WAPHA: WAPHA oversees the strategic commissioning functions of the Perth North, Perth South and Country WA Primary Health Networks (PHNs). The WA PHNs are three of 31 PHNs established by the Australian Government nationally to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of medical services for the community. We work across the WA healthcare system with doctors, allied health professionals, Area Health Services and service providers to improve the coordination of care for people who are at risk of poor health outcomes. For more information, visit www.wapha.org.au