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Health needs analysis

Potential Priorities:

- Reduce risk factors for chronic disease.
- Improve the management of chronic conditions.

Characteristics of specific populations and conditions:

- There are areas with poorer health outcomes.
- These are lower socio-economic communities with higher Aboriginal and migrant populations.
- These areas are Bayswater-Bassendean, Kalamunda, Mundaring, Swan, Stirling (Mirrabooka, Balga) and Wanneroo.

Patterns of overall health Status:

- Perth North PHN has a healthy population.
- Key concerns are high rates of overweight and obesity, increasing chronic conditions and a growing ageing population.

Service needs analysis

Priority Locations:

- Kalamunda, Mundaring, Swan and Wanneroo.

Characteristics of Locations:

- Areas with limited access to health services are Kalamunda, Mundaring, Swan and Wanneroo.
- Stakeholders have indicated a need for better integrated and coordinated care across the health system.

Patterns of workforce and service distribution:

- Perth North PHN residents living in inner city areas and along the coastal corridor have better access to health services then residents living in outer metropolitan areas.

Triangulation & Priorities

Triangulation

Health Need	Service Need	Triangulation Result
Increasing chronic conditions	Health service need to be better coordinated and integrated.	Improve the management of chronic disease.
Increased risk factors for chronic disease	There are fewer services in lower socioeconomic communities.	Reduce risk factors for chronic disease in vulnerable communities.
Lower socio-economic communities have poorer health outcomes	Lower socio-economic communities have access to fewer health services.	Increase access to health services in lower socio economic communities.

Priorities

- Improve the management of chronic disease.
- Reduce risk factors for chronic disease in vulnerable communities.
- Increase access to health services in lower socio-economic communities.