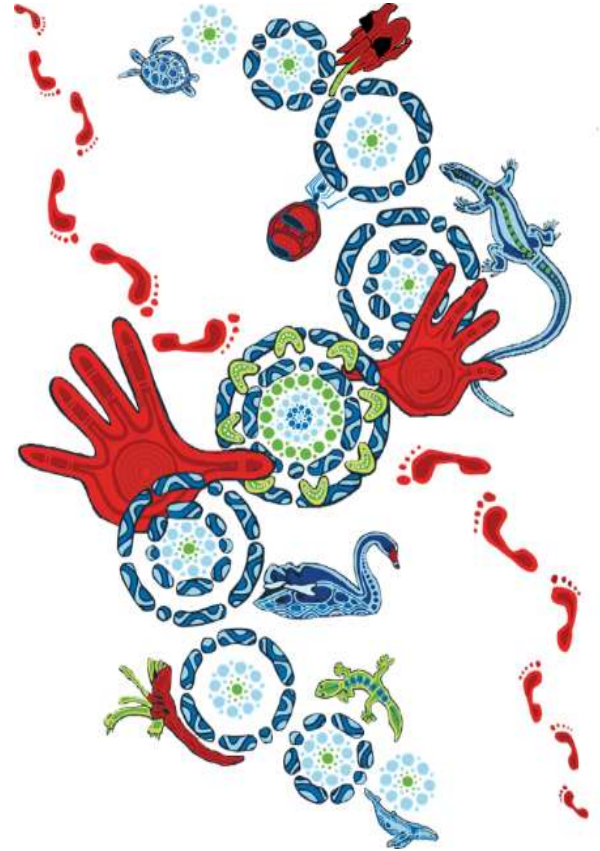


Better Health, Together

Learne Durrington
Chief Executive Officer
24 May 2019



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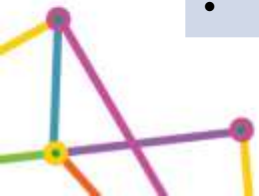
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Better Health, Together

What I want to cover today ...

- National perspective and current environment for the Primary Health Networks:
 - Emerging areas of focus in aged care and psychosocial support
 - How we are collaborating as a national network
- Australian Election 2019 – known implications for PHNs
- WAPHA's progress and evolution as a commissioning agency
- WAPHA's *Commissioning for Better Health* Framework
 - What is it?
 - How was it developed?
 - What did we hear from stakeholders?
 - How are we responding?
- Questions?



Primary Health Networks

National program, local delivery

- Successors to Medicare Locals, established in 2015
- 31 PHNs across Australia, 3 in Western Australia all under the WAPHA umbrella
- Program objectives:
 - Increase the efficiency and effectiveness of medical services, particularly for patients at risk of poor health outcomes
 - Improve the co-ordination of care to ensure patients receive the right care in the right place at the right time
- PHN Program Priority Areas:
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health
 - Aged Care
 - Alcohol and Other Drugs
 - Digital Health
 - Mental Health
 - Population Health
 - Health Workforce



Western Australia's PHNs



The Australian Government allocates Program Funding:

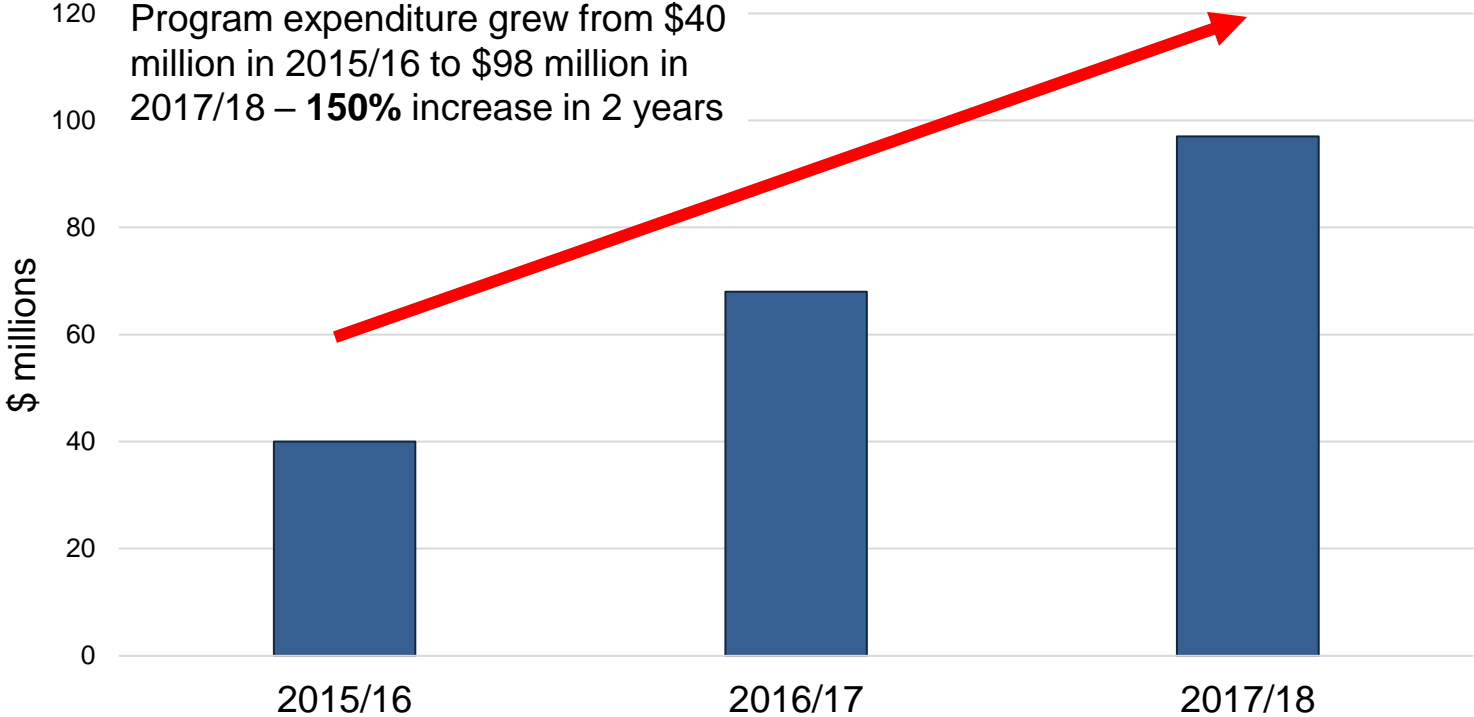
- By Program; and
- By PHN

2017/18 Program Expenditure by PHN:

- Perth North - \$29.6 million
- Perth South - \$21.9 million
- Country WA - \$46.3 million

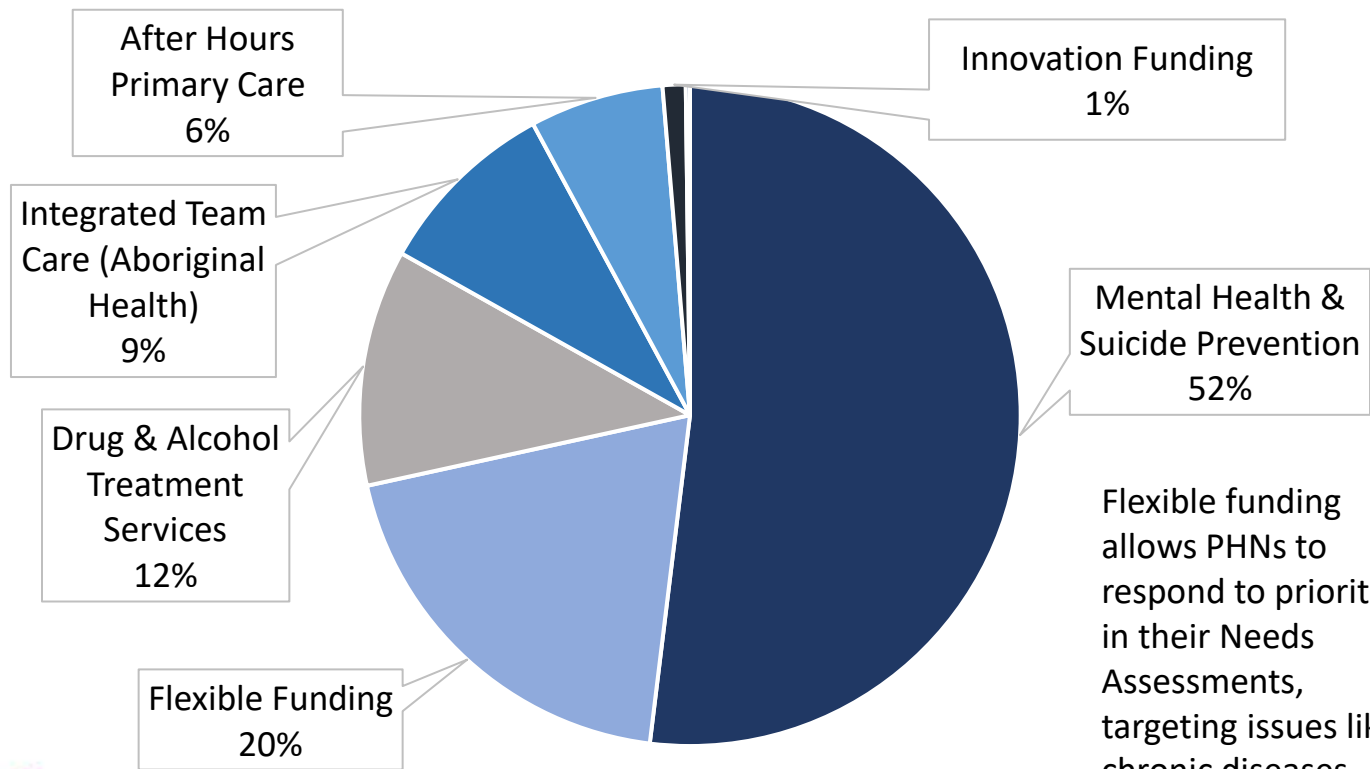
WA Primary Health Alliance Program Expenditure

2015/16 - 2017/18



Where the money goes

Program Expenditure 2017/18



Flexible funding allows PHNs to respond to priorities in their Needs Assessments, targeting issues like chronic diseases

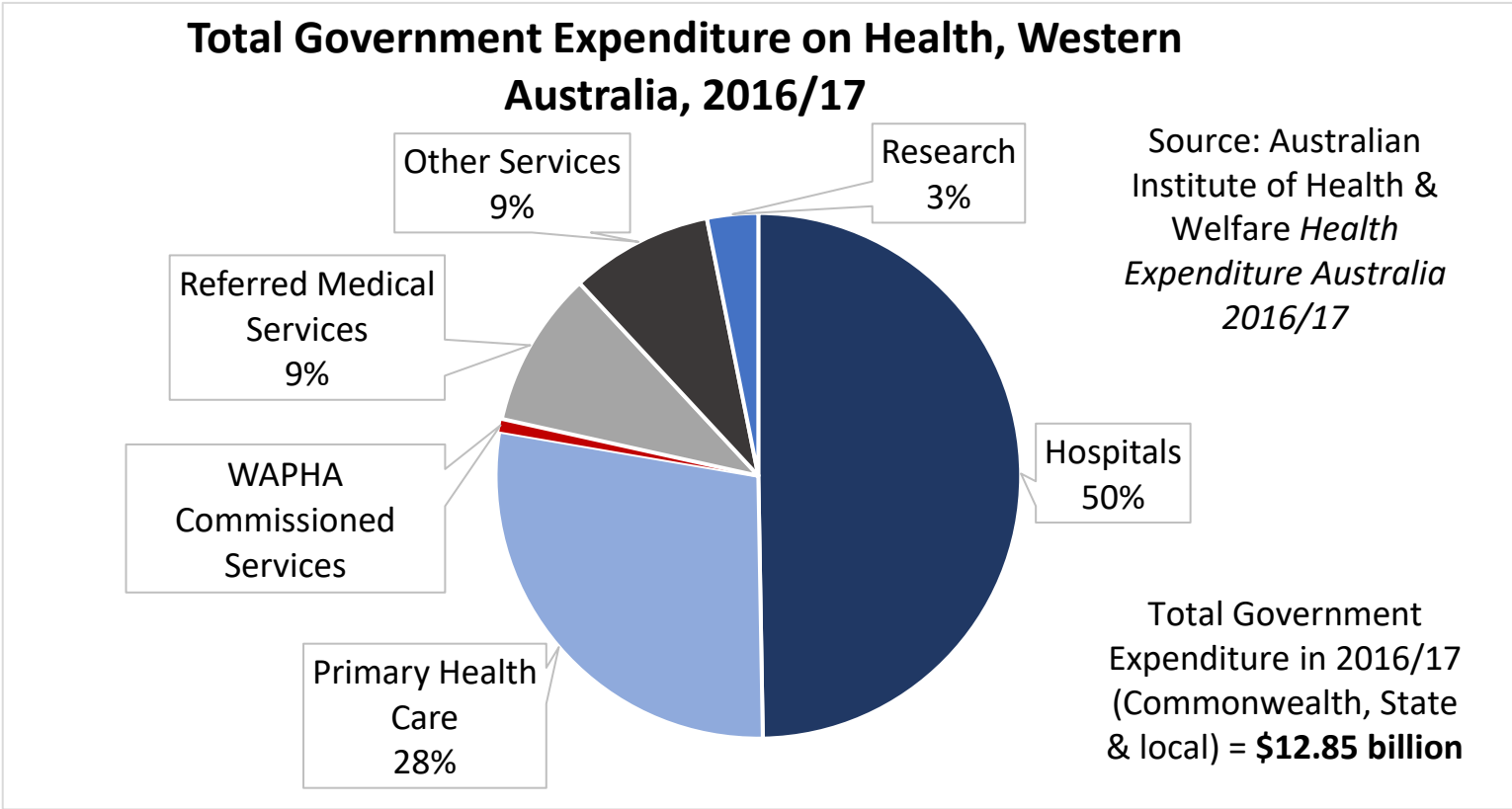


Federal Election 2019

Known implications for PHNs

- Steady as she goes ...
- Election commitments for Western Australia to be delivered through PHNs:
 - Primary care mental health hubs in Wanneroo (\$4.8 million over 3 years)
 - Chronic heart failure management – 1 metro, 1 country location (\$3.8 million over 3 years)
 - New headspace centres in Kununurra, Cannington and Swan, and new satellites in Esperance and Northam (in addition to the new satellite being commissioned in Margaret River)
 - Two year extension of the National Ice Action Strategy.
- Other key election commitments affecting primary care
 - Funding to embed pharmacists within healthcare teams, particularly in residential aged care
 - Pharmacists to access allied health MBS items to provide medication management services to patients with complex care requirements
 - \$44 million for cancer services, including \$25 million to implement the WA Country Health Service Cancer Strategy
 - \$33.5 million for better mental health in WA, including \$14 million for a walk-in adult community mental health centre in Perth North
 - Additional support for the National Drug Strategy (\$188 million over five years nationally)
 - A new chronic disease funding model aimed at Australians aged over 70 with chronic conditions, using voluntary enrolment
 - Pledge to lift the Medicare rebate freeze on all remaining GP services by the end of 2019

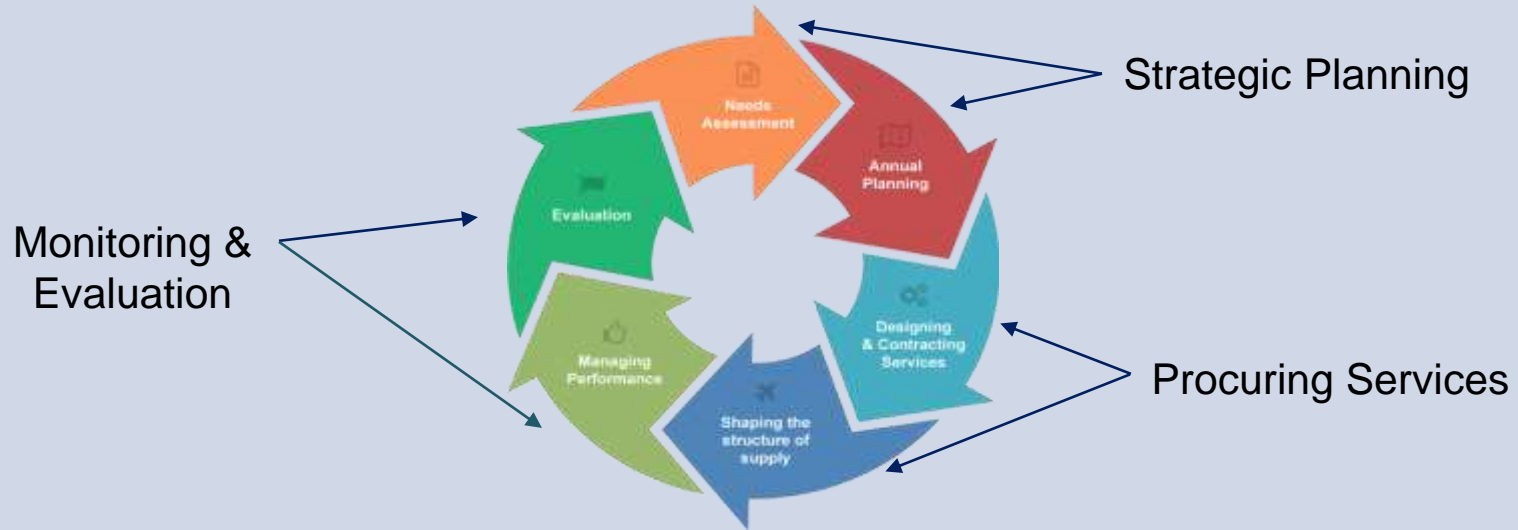
We must work together!



Commissioning for Better Health

Background

- Commissioning underpins WAPHA's role in identifying priorities, aligning investment, co-designing services, contracting for services, and assessing impact.



- PHN Performance & Quality Framework requires all PHNs to have a Commissioning Framework

Commissioning for Better Health

Timeline

- Mid 2018 – WAPHA Executive decides review of the Commissioning Framework required
- October 2018 – Review commences. Initiated through staff discussions, literature review, looking at commissioning experiences in other jurisdictions
- 19, 21, 23 November 2018 – WAPHA staff representatives and external stakeholders engaged through consultation workshops on Strategic Planning, Procuring Services, Monitoring & Evaluation
- 26 February 2019 – presentation to WAPHA Board and endorsement of *Commissioning for Better Health* document and program
- 11 April 2019 – release of *Commissioning for Better Health* to staff and external stakeholders



Commissioning for Better Health

Stakeholder Consultation – What we heard ...

- Commissioning is underpinned by strong and mutually respectful relationships
- Importance of clear communication about what's in and out of scope for funding by WAPHA
- Importance, from a service provider's perspective, of joined up commissioning across multiple funding agencies
- WAPHA's accountability to the Australian Government needs to be better understood in the primary care sector
- WAPHA should plan for the long-term, based on its Needs Assessment, and articulate where it can work collaboratively with other funding agencies
- Transparency and good governance are the key to healthy procurement
- Process of contracting needs to be kept simple, and be culturally appropriate
- Effective commissioning needs to be underpinned by key enablers, including workforce planning, digital health and primary care capacity building

Commissioning for Better Health

What does this commit WAPHA to do differently?

- Establish *Commissioning for Better Health* Advisory Board
- Implement Program Management for each Australian Government funded program
- Review internal WAPHA governance to deliver the program, i.e. roles, membership of Commissioning Coordination Committee and the Mental Health Coordination Group
- Develop a *Commissioning for Better Health 5-year Health Plan*
- Develop Resource Allocation Formula (and assess utility of a Relative Needs Index)
- Prepare *Commissioning for Better Health* Guidelines, covering contracting processes, procurement planning
- Commissioning Skills Development program
- Prepare *Primary Care Workforce Development Strategy*
- Prepare *Primary Care Digital Health Strategy*
- Improve communication – twice-yearly open forum
- Develop *Performance Management Framework*, incorporating tiered performance management
- Develop *Evaluation Framework*

Commissioning Framework

