

# Wheatbelt Health Relationships Framework

The Wheatbelt Health Relationships Framework provides a regionally orientated, relational scaffold upon which to understand, align and strengthen community partnerships and health-related stakeholder activities in a more coordinated integrated and efficient manner.

The overarching aim of the framework is to help facilitate sustainable partnerships across the health and social care systems that most effectively address the barriers impacting the health outcomes of people living in the Wheatbelt.

It is anticipated that meaningful collaboration and engagement may help to assess current services available, how they interrelate, identify gaps and help inform the commissioning process to meet local needs. This has the potential to help improve primary health care access and reduce potentially preventable hospital admissions and health inequities especially for vulnerable and disadvantaged populations.

Striving to inspire a common vision for healthier communities paves the way towards achieving greater collective impact within respective scopes of practice, through a primary care lead approach.

Several key documents underpin the framework; [The National Health Reform Agreement](#) between the Australian Government and all state and territory governments, commits to improving health outcomes for Australians, by providing better coordinated and joined up care in the community, and ensuring the future sustainability of Australia's health system.

The agreement supports the WA [Sustainable Health Review](#) and its [Enduring Strategies and Recommendations](#) which provide guidance on achieving this at a state and community level.

WAPHA's Partnership Protocol outlines core principles that specifically aim to facilitate recommendation no 10 centered around health service partnerships that jointly plan, prioritize and commission integrated care where the patient experience is a key driver.



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