



# Primary Health Tasmania

## Who are we?

Primary Health Tasmania (Tasmania PHN) is a non-government, not-for-profit organisation working to connect care and keep Tasmanians well and out of hospital.

We are one of 31 primary health networks (PHNs) established nationally on 1 July 2015 as part of the Australian Government's Primary Health Networks Program.

We have strong working relationships with a broad range of private, public and community sector organisations across primary, acute, aged and social care. This puts us in good stead in our push for a coordinated, primary care-focused health system delivering the right care in the right place at the right time by the right people.

## What are we doing?

The Australian Government has set the following objectives for PHNs nationally:

- increase the efficiency and effectiveness of medical services for patients, particularly those at risk of poor health outcomes; and
- improve coordination of care to ensure patients receive the right care in the right place at the right time.

## How are we doing it?

We engage at the community level to identify local health needs and work with health system partners and providers on innovative solutions to address service gaps, including through commissioning services.

We support general practice – as the cornerstone of the health care system – and other community-based providers to deliver the best possible care for Tasmanians.

We are driving a collaborative approach to ensure people moving through all parts of the health system receive streamlined care.

Our clinical and community advisory councils help ensure clinical leadership and community perspectives feature strongly in our governance and inform our activities.

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## Our priorities

Our activities are based on national priorities set by the Australian Government as well as the identified needs of local communities and priority population groups. They focus on service delivery, provider support and system improvement. They are in the areas of:

- Aboriginal health
- after hours care
- aged care
- alcohol and other drugs
- cancer screening
- connecting care
- chronic conditions
- digital health
- general practice and healthcare provider support
- mental health, including suicide prevention
- immunisation
- palliative care
- potentially preventable hospitalisations
- rural primary health
- support for humanitarian entrants.

## Commissioning services

Commissioning is the process of working with communities and providers to identify health priorities; designing services to address those priorities; then procuring and implementing these services in partnership with providers to ensure they meet required outcomes. Commissioning is one of the roles the Australian Government has given all PHNs.

Primary Health Tasmania commissions services in the following areas:

- Aboriginal health
- alcohol and other drugs
- mental health
- refugee health
- support for humanitarian entrants.

**More information:** [www.primaryhealthtas.com.au/commissioning](http://www.primaryhealthtas.com.au/commissioning)

Tenders are publicised and managed via our eTender portal at [www.tenderlink.com/primaryhealthtas](http://www.tenderlink.com/primaryhealthtas)

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