

Clinical Advisory Council - Information Sheet

About Primary Health Tasmania

Primary Health Tasmania 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. 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.

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.

Council's purpose

Established in late 2015, the purpose of the Clinical Advisory Council is to assist the Primary Health Tasmania Board to ensure effective clinical engagement and clinical leadership is the forefront of Primary Health Tasmania's governance.

The council is considered a vital part of the organisation enabling primary health care to build and hold its place as an equal system partner. The Clinical Advisory Council together with the Community Advisory Council are standing advisory bodies to the Board.

At a minimum, council advice will be sought in relation to:

- planning for and delivery of the organisation's strategic objectives
- monitoring the organisation's performance in relation to achieving health outcomes
- assessment of needs across the Tasmanian community
- assessing the impact of national and state health policy and funding changes and any new activity/ies arising
- service priorities and solutions
- workforce and community engagement.

Members of the council will be expected to be strong advocates for the work of Primary Health Tasmania.

Membership and vacancies

There is currently one GP vacancy on the Clinical Advisory Council however other positions are likely to come up in 2020.

Under the terms of reference membership of the council comprises up to eleven members:

- six GPs
- one public health specialist
- three nursing or allied health professionals practising in primary care settings
- one community clinical pharmacist.

All clinical council members must be in active primary/community practice and registered with Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) or through a recognised professional body.

About the role

The term of appointment is three years. Members are supported to undertake the role with a stipend, orientation, and professional development if required.

At a minimum there are four quarterly meetings usually in Campbell Town that run from approximately 10.30am to 3.00pm. These meetings are generally combined with the Community Advisory Council with time for separate discussion.

There may be a flow of reading material and discussion in-between meetings.

Recruitment and application process

1. The Expression of Interest (EOI) opens Thursday 11 July 2019 and closes Wednesday 31 July 2019.
2. Applicants need to:
 - complete the application form (and this includes providing the details of a referee)
 - respond to the selection criteria (refer to the application form)
 - provide a CV
 - submit application to councils@primaryhealthtas.com.au (with subject line 'Clinical Advisory Council Application') or post to Primary Health Tasmania, GPO Box 1827, Hobart 7001.
3. When the EOI period closes, an assessment panel convenes to oversee the review of applications and interview process.
4. Council membership requires Primary Health Tasmania Board endorsement.

More information

The council's terms of reference and skills matrix are available at www.primaryhealthtas.com.au/who-we-are/our-advisory-councils/

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Council enquiries

If you would like to speak to either the Chair of the council or a current member please contact Annaliese Caney to organise (details above).