

# General practice in Tasmania

## Key findings



Primary Health Tasmania's *General Practice in Tasmania* report is a snapshot of local general practice and its role in providing care for the Tasmanian population.



### Tasmanian GPs support vulnerable people

Tasmanians who see their GP multiple times in one year are more likely to have more health problems, be in an older age bracket, and experience greater socioeconomic disadvantage than those who don't.



### Tasmanian GPs encounter a high rate of chronic illness

More than half of the people cared for by Tasmanian GPs have a chronic health condition.



### Tasmanian GPs treat complex and varied chronic health conditions

Chronic musculoskeletal, mental health, asthma, diabetes, and cardiovascular conditions represent the top five long-term health problems seen by GPs in Tasmania.



### Tasmanian GPs play a key role in caring for people living with mental health issues

Around one in five Tasmanians is living with a mental health condition. GPs play a key role in identifying, treating and referring people living with mental health issues.

## How did we collect the data?

The *General Practice in Tasmania* report analysed data drawn from local general practices who are participating in the Primary Health Information Network (PHIN).

Coordinated by Primary Health Tasmania, the PHIN dataset captures insights from almost 75 per cent of the state's accredited general practices.

This report aims to enrich our understanding of how local general practice works, so the insights can be used to improve health policy, programs, and services to Tasmanians' needs.