



A Hospital in the Home Clinical Stream

Hospital Code Name - Tornado

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Key Problem

- 5 (now 7) HITH services across the LHD
- Variation in service model and structure
- Gaps in medical governance
- Lack of coordinated representation at District Executive level

Aim of this innovation

- Increased uniformity in service delivery
- Improved governance structures
- Forum for information sharing
- Integration of HITH into LHD Clinical Networks
- Executive sponsorship at District Executive Team level
- Increased profile of HITH across the LHD

Baseline Data

- Hospital in the Home Clinical Stream establishment
- Willingness by all 5 (7) HITH services be members
 - Valuable information sharing platform
 - Coordinated response to other services, managers
- HITH Stream clinical lead and stream coordinator roles
- Broad non-HITH membership of key stakeholders

Executive Sponsor, Executive Director Clinical Services, District Hospitals and Community Networks
General Manager - Community and Aged Care Services representative
General Manager - Acute Hospitals representative
ED Stream Representative
Primary Care (PHN) representative
Aboriginal Health Unit representative
Chronic Disease Network representative
Aged Care Emergency Clinical Nurse Consultant Patient Flow Unit
District Clinical Networks and Streams Coordinator

Key Changes Implemented

- Development of District wide clinical guidelines
 - Management of acute infections
 - Medical governance
- Support to existing and emerging HITH services across the District
 - Two new HITH services
- Promotion of HITH across the District
 - Single phone number
 - Intranet site
 - Health Matters article

Outcomes so far

- HITH position paper for the Executive Leadership Team
 - Foundation for growth of HITH across the district
- Additional funding to address medical governance concerns
- Support to existing and emerging HITH services across the District

Lessons Learnt

- Positive endeavour
 - HITH on the district radar; profile lifted
 - Services feel more supported, especially smaller services
 - Entre into other networks and streams

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