Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service

Workforce Strategy 2021 – 2026

Leading connected health care to achieve longer, healthier lives

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Outcomes:

- Active commitment to improving the health of people living in the Torres Strait and Cape York
- Empathetically led sustainable rural and remote health workforce; fostering wellbeing, connectedness, collaboration and striving for excellence
- Performance and effectiveness realised through achievement of individual, work unit and HHS-wide goals

Growing the future workforce – building local capacity and increasing the representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the health workforce

Community engagement:

- Realising opportunities for secure/sustainable employment of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people (in partnership with other organisations)
- Active and authentic engagement with community leaders
- High school work experience program
- Careers fairs (external and organised internally)

Traineeships:

- Increase involvement of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people in formal training
- School-based traineeship program
- Explore partnerships with other departments and organisations to offer apprenticeships and traineeships

Universities & VET providers:

- Encouragement of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander students to explore employment opportunities with TCHHS
- Clinical placements
- Partnerships to influence education for rural and remote practice

Recruiting for today & the changing world of work

Contemporary attraction and recruitment practices:

 Value proposition – what we expect, what is on offer & knowing what you're going to

Recruitment strategies to attract Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people to positions across all streams

Recruitment for excellence and fit:

- Manager confidence and capability
- Contemporary job design & up-to-date role descriptions
- Looking for relevant qualifications & evidence of excellence
- Suitability for remote practice, cultural competence and commitment to health outcomes of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people in the Torres and Cape

Preparation for rural and remote isolated practice:

 Tailored orientation and induction to rural and remote practice, prior to commencement

Creative responses to supply challenges:

 Collaboration with NGOs and other Government departments ie Education, QAS & Police

Building and retaining an effective, highly skilled, future focused and engaged workforce

Organisation design and development; connecting workforce with strategy

People management practices are aligned with and support the desired future:

- Succession planning and transition to retirement programs
- Consider innovative approaches to flexible work arrangements, particularly in the most challenging or remote locations

Preparation and support for remote and isolated practice

 Effective use & tailoring of TCHHS, QH, CRANA+ and other resources

Effective use of Health Practitioners and Nurse Practitioners

Highly skilled and effective leaders:

- Development programs to effectively transition remote clinicians to remote managers
- Non-clinical leadership skills identified, recruited for, performance recognised and actively managed
- Productive staff/manager relationships and recognition of high performance
- Confidence and ability to appropriately respond to inappropriate behaviour and poor performance in a timely manner

Collaboration with other departments/agencies to find creative solutions to workforce challenges

Inclusion of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people:

- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Leadership Forum nothing about us without us
- Active and authentic inclusion of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people and perspectives in decision making
- Build capability of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and implement a program to support transition to Health Practitioner

Active encouragement of and support for movement across streams, particularly of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander employees, and in areas of skill shortage

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Responses to the challenges we face

- Leadership and high performance management development program (including clinician to manager transition, & leadership career development pathways for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander employees)
- Developing Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people for management & leadership
- Change management and change leadership skills development
- Explicit focus on living by TCHHS Values to create a shared sense of purpose, cohesion and collaboration

- TCHHS strategic workforce plan, aligned with the philosophy of the Model of Care
- TCHHS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Workforce Strategy and accompanying implementation plan
- Workforce designed for the delivery of effective primary health services, and multidisciplinary ways of working
- All stream future-focused staff development strategy
- Collaborative and coordinated approach to strategy development including stream specific workforce strategies
- Service planning anticipates and includes corporate resource requirements

- Practice of evidence-based management and evidence-based strategic HRM, including effective use of data/business intelligence to inform decision-making
- Effective use of, rather than compliance with performance development and capability success processes; clarity about responsibilities, accountabilities and recognition of high performance
- Effective preparation for remote and isolated practice
- Creation of a safety culture; cultural, psychological and physical

Capabilities we need

- Ability to build productive relationships and effectively work with disagreement and conflict
- People leadership, particularly in a remote and isolated context
- Functional review, job analysis and design

- Understanding of what motivates people to change and ways of working with ambiguity and resistance
- Growth mindset & intrinsic motivation
- · Strategic planning, including workforce planning
- Strategic and operational HR

- Operational management; HR, finance, assets etc
- Digital literacy
- Ability to extract and make effective use of data, and understanding of metrics and analytics

Indicators of change & success

Workforce supply

- Vacancy rates & time to fill
- Applicant quality & quantity
- · Community engagement activities, including careers fairs
- Clinical placement experience
- Formal partnerships with vocational education providers, TAFE and universities (traineeships & influence of curriculum)

Workforce profile

- Increase in number of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander employees (all streams)
- Increase in number of Health and Nurse practitioners
- Alignment with the philosophy of the Model of Care

Skilled, and confident workforce

Participation in and satisfaction with learning & development opportunities:

- Clinical Excellence Qld (clinician leadership programs)
- Stream specific development programs and training pathways
- AO & OO Employee Training & Development Education Incentive Fund
- SARAS particularly in areas of skills shortage
- Learning Gateway development opportunities
- Day-to-day job skills & knowledge including use of digital platforms

Effective orientation program – remote & isolated practice

Workplace climate

- Plans and initiatives developed through cross stream collaboration and engagement with staff at all levels and locations of TCHHS
- Working for Qld survey results
- Retention reduction in number of undesirable exits
- Complaints, grievance and disciplinary rates
- Injury rates and WorkCover claims
- HHS of choice for clinical rotation
- Valued Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Leadership Forum

Partnerships

Collaboration with NGOs, other agencies and departments

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