

ALLIED HEALTH CLINICAL COUNCIL ACHIEVEMENTS

The Allied Health Clinical Council provided critical input and guidance on a range of issues in 2019 which are summarised below.

- Needs Assessment – Findings related to chronic conditions and the needs of older persons; Feedback was provided at an early stage of preparing this document.
- Health Care Homes – Shared Care Planning progression; Input was provided on barriers to participation by both patients and practitioners.
- NDIS Registration – Ongoing feedback was provided throughout the year on this matter, with a direct submission to the NDIS being made by Wentworth Healthcare on this matter.
- Living Better with Diabetes – Service commissioning co-design opportunities were discussed prior to confirming funding of this proposed program, this approach and early feedback enabled full consideration of the issues raised prior to the proposed service being designed and implemented.
- Recruitment of Allied Health Professionals – this matter was raised throughout the year which has resulted in a promotional video for the region being commissioned by Wentworth Healthcare. It is anticipated that this video will assist in the recruitment of Allied Health Professionals to the Region.
- Wentworth Healthcare Statement of Business Ethics – feedback was provided on the content of this document, on its practical application, and how it should be distributed once finalised.
- Collaborative Commissioning – A presentation was made with interactive feedback and discussion on this new concept on working with the LHD on commissioning services that are jointly designed, implemented and delivered. This project is in the early stages with the LHD being the lead agency.
- Digital Health – new tools and training opportunities were provided on this emerging area.

Specific Issues recommended to the Board included;

- Recruitment and retention of Allied Health professionals in our region is critical
- CPD – discussion on lots of opportunities for cross-discipline training such as provided at the re-thinking mental health conference.
- Support on business skills, not just clinical
- Opportunities for collaborating with universities in research programs