
Appendix two – The NSW Aboriginal Health Plan

Vision

Health equity for Aboriginal people, with strong, respected Aboriginal communities in New South Wales, whose families and individuals enjoy good health and wellbeing.

Goal

To work in partnership with Aboriginal people to achieve the highest level of health possible for individuals, families, and communities.

Partnership

The Aboriginal Health Plan recognises the importance of the NSW Aboriginal Health Partnership between the NSW Government and the Aboriginal Health & Medical Research Council (AH&MRC) at the State level, and the continued need for strong partnerships between Local Health Districts and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHSs) at the local level.

Principles

The following underpinning principles are essential to achieve the Plan:

1. Trust and cultural respect.
2. Recognition of the cultural values and traditions of Aboriginal communities.
3. Wholistic approaches to the health of Aboriginal people.
4. The valuable and unique role of ACCHSs.
5. The participation of Aboriginal people at all levels of health service delivery and management.
6. Partnership with Aboriginal communities through ACCHSs and the AH&MRC.
7. Recognition of the contribution the health system can make to the social determinants of health.

Aboriginal health

‘Aboriginal health means not just the physical wellbeing of an individual but refers to the social, emotional and cultural wellbeing of the whole community in which each individual is able to achieve their full potential as a human being, thereby bringing about the total wellbeing of their community...’.

Strategic directions

1. Building trust through partnerships.
2. Implementing what works and building the evidence.
3. Ensuring integrated planning and service delivery.
4. Strengthening the Aboriginal workforce.
5. Providing culturally safe work environments and health services.
6. Strengthening performance monitoring, management and accountability.

Strategic actions

To support achievement of these strategic directions, a range of actions have been identified for implementation by NSW Health and other stakeholders.

Implementation and evaluation

NSW Health is responsible for implementing the Plan and reporting on progress. The NSW Aboriginal Health Partnership will monitor progress and oversight evaluation.