

Consumer Network

What is Health Consumers Queensland?

Health Consumers Queensland (HCQ) supports the voices of Queensland consumers to achieve better health outcomes. Our work is informed by, and complements the work of health consumer groups, community organisations, government agencies and health professionals.

On behalf of health consumers, HCQ provides strategic advice to the Deputy Premier and Minister for Health in relation to health policies and initiatives. HCQ promotes systemic change within the health system by supporting health consumers to build their knowledge and confidence to engage with and advocate to government and community on health issues.

What is the HCQ consumer network?

HCQ has established a Consumer Network which is a register of health consumers and community organisations who are interested in providing input into health policies and initiatives from a consumer perspective.

As part of the network, consumers receive information and can provide information and feedback to inform health policy, planning and service provision nationally and within Queensland.

The Health Consumer Network is the pathway to the Consumer Representatives Program.

HCQ's Consumer Representatives Program nominates health consumer representatives to health related committees, forums, reference and focus groups, advisory bodies and panels. Consumers provide input from a consumer perspective into national and state health policies, systems, service reform and initiatives.

The Consumer Representatives Program works collaboratively with other key agencies and links closely with local and state-wide consumer networks.

Being a member of the HCQ Consumer Network

HCQ Consumer Network members:

- » receive Health Consumer Queensland e-newsletters
- » receive emails about opportunities for consumer representative committees
- » receive invitations for Expressions of Interests for specific committees
- » respond to invitations and opportunities to provide feedback to Health Consumers Queensland
- » identify and raise emerging issues from a health consumer perspective
- » may link with other interested health consumers about similar areas of interest and share information, ideas, within an online environment



<p>...more on <i>Being a member of the HCQ Consumer Network</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » receive information and invitations to Health Consumer Queensland events and other government and community health events » receive information about opportunities for training, conferences, and workshops.
<p>How do I register to be a member of the HCQ Consumer Network?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Go to www.health.qld.gov.au/hcq » Go to Network Registration. » Complete the online Network Registration form and submit. » If you would like a hard copy of the Network Registration form, please contact Health Consumers Queensland Secretariat on (ph) 3234 0611 or » email on DSHCQ@health.qld.gov.au
<p>How do I find out more about HCQ?</p>	<p>Additional information about Health Consumers Queensland is available at www.health.qld.gov.au/hcq</p>

Other information sheets in this series:

- » Consumer Representatives Program
- » Consumer Representatives Program Information for Agencies

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