



Our vision
 Healthier
 Queenslanders



Our purpose

To provide leadership and direction, and to work collaboratively to enable the health system to deliver quality services that are safe and responsive for Queenslanders.



The Department of Health’s role includes:

- providing strategic leadership and direction for health through development and administration of policies and legislation
- developing statewide plans for health services, workforce and major capital investment
- managing major capital works for public sector health service facilities
- commissioning health services from our public hospitals, partner providers and the Non-Government Organisation (NGO) sector
- supporting and monitoring the quality, efficiency, effectiveness and timeliness of health service delivery
- delivering a range of specialised health services, including prevention, promotion and protection, providing ambulance, aeromedical, health information and communication technology and statewide health support services
- operating as part of a networked system, and exemplifying this in the way we engage on all system-affecting matters with Hospital and Health Services (HHSs), Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) and other partners.

Our contribution to government objectives
Unite and Recover



Safeguarding our health

Safeguard the health of Queenslanders by keeping our health system pandemic-ready and supporting priority vaccinations to our vulnerable populations.



Building Queensland

Drive investment in health infrastructure and hospitals that supports our recovery and the wellbeing of our diverse communities.



Growing our regions

Help Queensland’s regions grow by attracting clinical expertise and building capacity within our rural and remote health network.



Investing in skills

Ensure we have a skilled and capable workforce to deliver health system leadership, policy and strategy.



Backing our frontline services & supporting jobs

Supporting investment in world-class frontline health services.

In addition to the Government’s objectives for the community, our strategic objectives support *My health, Queensland’s future: Advancing health 2026*.

Our challenges:

- building capacity to meet healthcare needs in the right setting across the health and social care sectors
- managing sustainability of the health system
- maturing project and portfolio governance to consistently deliver health system priorities
- enhancing regulatory and compliance activity to protect the health of Queenslanders
- responding effectively to the impacts of increased climate variability and developing resilience of the health system
- effectively managing health system led emergency responses while continuing to deliver quality health services
- responding to the COVID-19 pandemic to manage the demand on our health systems.

Our opportunities:



- promoting innovative healthcare models through integrated planning and funding
- connecting all areas of the healthcare system in Queensland
- engaging the public and driving health literacy throughout Queensland
- innovating through data and digital transformation
- responsive, evidence-based asset management and renewal
- prioritising safety and quality systems to deliver improved patient care and experience
- harnessing the capability and capacity of the workforce.



We will respect, protect and promote human rights in our decision-making and actions

Our objectives, performance indicators and strategies

Objective	1. Promote and protect the health of Queenslanders where they live, work and play	2. Drive the safest and highest quality services possible	3. Drive equitable health outcomes by supporting access to appropriate health services for all Queenslanders	4. Pursue partnerships with consumers, communities, health and other organisations to help achieve our goals	5. Empower consumers and health professionals through the availability and use of data and digital innovations	6. Support the delivery of sustainable health services through integrated policy, planning, funding and implementation efforts	7. Inspire the Department's workforce to achieve excellence and drive a vibrant culture and safe workplace environment
Performance indicators	<p>1.1 An increase in the proportion of Queenslanders with a healthy body weight.</p> <p>1.2 A reduction in suicides.</p> <p>1.3 An increase in childhood immunisation rates.</p> <p>1.4 An increase in participation rates for national cancer screening programs.</p>	<p>2.1 An increase in the effectiveness, efficiency and responsiveness of ambulance services.</p> <p>2.2 Continuous accreditation and compliance of health support services with quality standards.</p>	<p>3.1 An improvement in the life expectancy of First Nations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Queenslanders.</p> <p>3.2 An increase in the proportion of babies born healthier.</p> <p>3.3 A reduction in potentially preventable hospitalisations.</p>	<p>4.1 An increase in clinician and consumer engagement in shaping healthcare reform.</p> <p>4.2 An improvement in Queensland Health's research culture and capability.</p>	<p>5.1 An increase in community connectivity with Queensland Health through the use of digital solutions.</p> <p>5.2 An increase in the provision of clinical data analytics to improve health service delivery.</p>	<p>6.1 All significant infrastructure investment decisions are informed by integrated planning.</p> <p>6.2 A reduction in the delivery of low benefit care.</p> <p>6.3 Purchased services are delivered within a balanced budget.</p>	<p>7.1 An improvement in Working for Queensland Employee Opinion Survey results.</p> <p>7.2 An increase in the proportion of First Nations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) people in the Department's workforce.</p>
Strategies	<p>1.1 Increase the uptake of predictive and flexible analytical tools for surveillance capability and targeted interventions to address public health issues and emerging threats.</p> <p>1.2 Develop innovative approaches to administering public health legislation in response to changing external environments and risks.</p> <p>1.3 Address priority public health issues in partnership with Health and Wellbeing Queensland for populations across critical life stages.</p> <p>1.4 Incentivise the health system to address ageing and population growth pressures, emerging service demands and new service models for complex public health challenges.</p>	<p>2.1 Deliver quality patient-focused ambulance and statewide clinical support services, that are timely and appropriate to the Queensland community.</p> <p>2.2 Continuously improve clinical governance systems and regulatory frameworks to ensure accountable and safe, high quality health services.</p> <p>2.3 Encourage Hospital and Health Services to continually improve patient safety outcomes and patient experience.</p> <p>2.4 Support Hospital and Health Services to achieve desired performance outcomes, identify system performance improvement opportunities and identify variation in performance and productivity.</p> <p>2.5 Complete implementation of the Non-Government Organisation Quality Framework.</p>	<p>3.1 Plan, purchase and enable a workforce and health services for First Nations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) people to achieve the outcomes in <i>Making tracks towards closing the gap in health outcomes for Indigenous Queenslanders by 2033: Investment Strategy 2018–2021</i>.</p> <p>3.2 Encourage and support First Nations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) women who are pregnant or planning pregnancy to quit smoking and reduce secondhand smoke exposure.</p> <p>3.3 Support a cross-agency and intersectoral approach to increase access to culturally capable maternity and early childhood health services.</p> <p>3.4 Embed cultural capability in the planning, design and delivery of health services by enhancing the knowledge, skills and behaviours for culturally responsive care.</p> <p>3.5 Use evidence-based health service and workforce planning, and contemporary service delivery and workforce models and technology to support access to health services.</p> <p>3.6 Support establishment of the Office of Rural and Remote Health to improve access, quality and safety, workforce planning and reporting on health outcomes for rural and remote Queenslanders.</p> <p>3.7 Enhance the quality and accessibility of statewide mental health, alcohol and other drugs services for all Queenslanders.</p> <p>3.8 Promote and protect the human rights of Queenslanders in our decision making and our actions.</p>	<p>4.1 Develop strategic partnerships with stakeholders to deliver health priorities.</p> <p>4.2 Actively engage with the community to develop statewide health services, plans and policies.</p> <p>4.3 Strengthen partnerships with primary and community sectors and other agencies to pioneer a more connected healthcare experience for Queenslanders.</p> <p>4.4 Enhance statewide clinical partnerships that support effective engagement with clinicians and consumers to improve service delivery and identification of emergent health issues.</p> <p>4.5 Engage with national and international partners to convert Queensland's health expertise and innovation into commercial opportunities, economic growth and jobs.</p> <p>4.6 Drive dynamic and innovative health and medical research and its translation into better health outcomes for Queenslanders.</p>	<p>5.1 Embed a digital by design approach to enable the digital transformation of the health system.</p> <p>5.2 Promote and deliver the digital foundations, tools and services to enable all Queenslanders to manage and improve their health and wellbeing.</p> <p>5.3 Design and deliver solutions for health information to be captured digitally, integrated and shared easily and securely to assist healthcare providers to have access to it, when and where they need it.</p> <p>5.4 Leverage and embrace data and information to create insights and drive improvements.</p>	<p>6.1 Anticipate and respond to high-level policy and planning issues to inform strategic priorities.</p> <p>6.2 Ensure health portfolio legislation and its regulation supports excellence in system performance and optimal health outcomes.</p> <p>6.3 Deliver procurement and supply reform to improve value in healthcare expenditure.</p> <p>6.4 Progress a value-based health agenda that promotes the right care, in the right place and at the right time.</p> <p>6.5 Develop, implement and evaluate system wide improvement programs and models to enhance system sustainability, optimise service efficiency and enable innovative and best practice models of care.</p> <p>6.6 Collaborate with health leaders to improve the monitoring and management of all funded organisations across Queensland's public sector health system.</p> <p>6.7 Identify opportunities to reform funding models to align with best practice models of care.</p> <p>6.8 Promote high performance and stewardship through effective risk management and strong governance.</p>	<p>7.1 Attract, select, retain and empower the right people to create a diverse, inclusive and engaged workforce.</p> <p>7.2 Ensure the workplace is safe, rewarding, enhances wellbeing and adequately equips the workforce to perform at the highest level.</p> <p>7.3 Inspire and provide development opportunities to enable the workforce to continue to demonstrate excellence in the public service and meet the needs of the public.</p>