

HEALTH SERVICE INVESTIGATION

TORRES AND CAPE HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SERVICE

UPDATE FOR STAKEHOLDERS - MARCH 2024

The [Health Service Investigation \(investigation\)](#) for the Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service (TCHHS) is ongoing.

The Investigators now want to provide a further update on the progress of the Investigation and the next steps.

What progress has been made to date?

Since the last update in February 2024, the Investigators have continued to gather information and evidence including by face to face meetings and through information and data review and analysis. The Investigators would like to again acknowledge and are grateful to all those who have given their time to participate in meetings and provide us with information.

The Investigators had planned by this point in the investigation, to have finalised the information and evidence gathering process and be in the position of providing a final report to the Director-General, Queensland Health in respect of the matters detailed in Part A of the Terms of Reference for the investigation.

However, given the volume of information and evidence collected to date and the need to collect additional information and evidence, it has been necessary to obtain an extension of time from the Director-General, Queensland Health.

While the Investigators are working to complete the investigation as quickly as possible, the Investigators have been guided by the need to ensure that they carefully identify and review all relevant information and evidence and that they allow people who have relevant information and evidence to be heard on these most important and significant matters.

Next steps

The Investigators are working to finalise the information and evidence gathering process for Part A of the Terms of Reference. To this end, the Investigators are also in the process of scheduling other in person visits to various locations in the TCHHS geographical area which will involve site visits and further meetings and discussions.

The updated timeframes for the delivery of the first report is the end of April 2024 which will deal with Part A of the Terms of Reference with a further report focused on Part B to follow by the end of June 2024.

We again thank those persons who have participated in the investigation process to date.

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