

# Mackay HHS Obstetrics and Gynaecology Progress Update

## Progress Update – 2 December 2022

As we committed, Mackay HHS is keeping our consumers and community updated with the progress of implementation of recommendations of the independent investigation into obstetrics and gynaecology.

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## Progress on Recommendations

The Obstetrics and Gynaecology Implementation Working Group has been meeting fortnightly to progress recommendations and determine key priority areas. The group has already identified a number of priority areas when implementing these recommendations including:

- Recruitment and retention
- Training
- Communication and complaints
- Physical environment
- Pregnancy and birth loss
- Operations, policies and procedures

At the most recent meeting held on 28 November 2022, the group worked through 20 recommendations from the Health Service Investigation Report. The group was provided with documents and presentations on Clinical Handover, RANZCOG accreditation, and Training. The group has now reviewed 29 documents of evidence in support of implementation as well as hearing presentations and asking questions. This group has agreed that:

- 11 recommendations are completed, and
- 9 recommendations are underway but require further work or additional evidence.

The group is also reviewing evidence in relation to the 47 recommendations that are listed as already implemented. As part of this work, they will be surveying staff and checking performance information to ensure that changes have resulted in real service improvements for consumers and staff alike.

## **New sub-committees**

The group has also agreed to form two sub-committees. One sub-committee will be established to be part of providing feedback on the P-Block and Birth Centre redevelopment as part of the Mackay HHS governance structure, and the other looking at how to incorporate women's interviews in future staff training in a respectful and meaningful way. The sub-committees will report to the Implementation Working Group and outcomes will be shared with the community via these progress updates. Shortly, we will call for expressions-of-interest from consumers and staff members that would like to participate in these sub-committees.

The group is also considering how to measure success including reviewing RiskMan reporting, surveying all areas of maternity services, and reviewing PREMS responses. Reviewing this reporting will become a monthly activity for the group.

## **Statewide System Reform Taskforce update**

Clinical Excellence Queensland has been tasked to deliver on:

- Establishing a centralised report process for hospital staff to escalate quality and safety concerns,
- Providing additional supports to Hospital and Health Services focussing on clinical quality and safety frameworks,
- Strengthening informed consent processes.

A statewide system reform taskforce has been established to oversee this work. The Mackay HHS has nominated a consumer to sit on the Informed Consent Advisory Committee.

Our next Implementation Working Group meeting is scheduled for 12 December 2022, where the group will continue reviewing information on training, and will also review the areas of recruitment and retention, as well as complaints. A progress update like this one, will be provided within a week of this meeting.

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