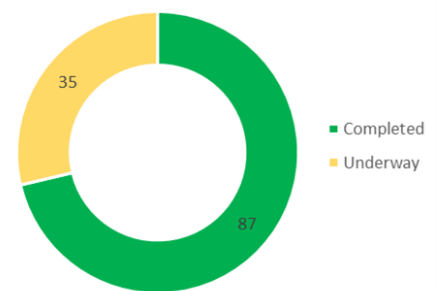


# Mackay HHS Obstetrics and Gynaecology Progress Update

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## Latest Progress on Recommendations

At the most recent meeting held on 22 May 2023, the Implementation Working Group discussed a number of topics including:

- Open disclosure training
- Cervical screening update
- Induction bookings
- Regular audits across a range of Patient Safety areas

At our meeting, the group has determined that:

- 87 recommendations are already completed
- 35 recommendations are already underway but require further work or additional evidence.

## New Minister for Health meets the O&G Implementation Working Group

On the first full day as the new Minister for Health, the Hon. Shannon Fentiman visited Mackay Base Hospital. During her visit she met with the O&G Implementation Working Group including two of our consumer representatives. The meeting was to discuss progress on the recommendations and to see how the group was working together. The Minister also addressed staff who were attending training and toured the Women's Health Unit including the Special Care Nursery and the Birth Centre.

## Update on the consultation of the draft Charter of Maternity Care Principles

The O&G Implementation Group has reviewed all feedback that was received throughout the consultation period. The feedback was supportive of a Charter but also provided good ideas on how to enhance and improve aspects of it. We will be gathering more feedback from our rural areas within the Mackay HHS to ensure we have a good cross section of feedback. Once this is collected, we will update the Charter based on your feedback and develop a reporting mechanism to ensure that the Charter is fully implemented.

## **Survey of gynaecology patients on care location**

Recently we sent out a text message with a survey link to gynaecology patients that have accessed our service in the past year. The survey is seeking their views on where they would prefer to receive gynaecology care following surgical procedures – either the General Surgical Unit or the Women's Health Unit. This work will be used to inform our future infrastructure requirements with the expansion of Mackay Base Hospital. If you received a text message, we strongly encourage you to have your say. The survey will close 5pm on Monday 29 May. We look forward to sharing the results of this survey.

## **Training update**

### *Open disclosure*

Three senior doctors and four senior midwives undertook in-depth open disclosure training on 17 and 18 May. This is part of our effort to enhance our open disclosure processes and communication with consumers.

### *IMPROVE training on stillbirth and pregnancy loss*

On Friday 19 May, the Women's Health Unit held training on supporting people going through stillbirth and pregnancy loss. The training was implemented as a result of recommendations from the Investigation Report and ideas submitted as part of the ministerial community forum held in October 2022.

The training was well attended with 39 healthcare professionals present including five doctors. The feedback from the training was extremely positive with a number of changes already underway to enhance our support services for people experiencing stillbirth and pregnancy loss.

- Our upcoming training includes:
- Better communication with patients
- Breech presentations
- Providing trauma informed care
- ALICE Program building clinical leadership in the provision of woman-centred care

We will continue to keep you updated on all the training that is coming up within the Women's Health Unit.

## **Next steps**

Our next Implementation Working Group meeting is scheduled for 19 June 2023, where the group will continue to assess progress on recommendations including feedback on our gynaecology survey, training updates, and supports for our healthcare professionals.

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