

HEALTH SERVICES ACT 1997
Agency for Clinical Innovation

DETERMINATION OF FUNCTIONS

Pursuant to section 53 of the Health Services Act 1997, I, Ryan Park, Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, do hereby determine, in addition to those functions set out in section 12 of the Health Service Act, the following role and function for the Agency for Clinical Innovation (the Agency):

1. Role

The primary role of the Agency for Clinical Innovation (the Agency) is to bring clinicians, consumers and system leaders together to design and implement innovations in healthcare. The Agency is committed to improving, evolving and transforming clinical practice and patient outcomes across the NSW Health system.

The Agency will achieve this role by:

- a) Connecting consumers, clinicians, system leaders, industry and academics to identify, design, test and implement innovations in clinical practice.
- b) Leading the generation and use of evidence and research to catalyse, assess, adopt and evaluate innovations in clinical practice.
- c) Creating a pathway to pilot promising innovations and partnering with local health districts (LHDs), specialty health networks (SHNs), the Ministry of Health and other public health organisations to scale demonstrated innovations in clinical practice.
- d) Showcasing the adoption of promising innovation into clinical practice.
- e) Building capability for redesign and transformative system change.

2. Functions

The Agency will perform the following functions:

- a) Work with LHDs, SHNs and other public health organisations, their consumers, clinicians, managers and leaders to:
 - i. adopt relevant evidence-based clinical guidance;
 - ii. adapt proven best-practice models to the NSW context; and
 - iii. collaborate or lead on new models of care and clinical guidance as required.
- b) Connect leadership from LHDs, SHNs, the Ministry of Health and other public health organisations to progress emerging ideas for innovation that address local needs and broader system agendas.
- c) Identify, assess and develop promising clinical innovations to pilot and scale across NSW Health, including new models of care; patient pathways; and technologies and therapies.
- d) Ensure that clinical guidance and models of care:
 - i. are driven by evidence and intelligence, including scientific, experiential, and empirical evidence;
 - ii. are well coordinated across NSW Health and other public health organisations, including integrating multidisciplinary perspectives across various clinical areas and settings;
 - iii. identify and address priority challenges for health services, with a focus on Aboriginal people and communities, regional and rural communities, and vulnerable populations;

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- iv. address unwarranted clinical variation and improve the accessibility, appropriateness, effectiveness, safety, efficiency and sustainability of the care provided to the people of NSW;
 - v. assess alternate models that reduce the need for hospitalisation by delivering lower acuity care in community, virtual and home environments;
 - vi. are appropriately disseminated and promoted to support their adoption by clinicians and their implementation into local health service planning and delivery;
 - vii. involve research and evaluation to assess their clinical adoption, system implementation and impact.
- e) Use and foster appropriate consumer and clinician engagement structures, such as clinical networks, taskforces, communities of practice and reference groups, to ensure ACI initiatives meet the needs of consumers and clinicians.
 - f) Develop three-year strategic plans and annual work plans, linking the Agency's activities and priorities to statewide NSW Health plans; working in accordance with these plans and the Performance Agreement with the Secretary.
 - g) Provide advice to the Secretary and the Ministry Executive Group, Health System Advisory Council, LHDs, SHNs and public health organisations on matters relating to changes in clinical practice and the organisation of clinical care across NSW Health.

The Determination repeal and replaces the previous Determination of Functions made in respect of the Agency dated 5 September 2012.

Dated at Sydney this ²¹ day of August 2023



Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health