



Application of Policies for NSW Health Agencies

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PURPOSE

This Information Bulletin prescribes the applicability of policies previously issued by the NSW Ministry of Health, former area health services and local health networks, to local health districts, specialty network governed statutory health corporations and units of the Health Administration Corporation.

KEY INFORMATION

- Policies and guidelines issued through the NSW Health Policy Distribution System (PDS) and are listed as applying to:
 - “Area Health Services/Chief Executive Governed Statutory Health Corporation” or Board Governed Statutory Health Corporations”
 - “Local Health Networks” or “Network Governed Statutory Health Corporations”

now apply to local health districts, chief executive governed statutory health corporations, board governed statutory health corporations and specialty network governed statutory health corporations.

- Policies and guidelines previously issued through the PDS that applied to “Area Health Services”, “Local Health Networks” and “Local Health Districts” now apply to NSW Health Pathology.
- Policies and guidelines previously issued through the PDS applicable to, or in respect of, the NSW Health Service, now apply to the Cancer Institute (NSW).
- Policies and guidelines previously issued through the PDS and that applied to “Public Health System Support Division” continue to apply to that Division, and those units under it, and Health Infrastructure.
- Policy and Procedure Manuals for public health organisations issued by the Ministry of Health require compliance by local health districts, statutory health corporations and administrative divisions and units of the Health Administration Corporation.
- Where required, local operating procedures or protocols may be provided as attachments or as an addenda to respective policy directives. Any such procedures must be consistent with the requirements of the policy directive.
- Policies and guidelines developed by former area health services, local health networks and the respective Children’s Hospitals locally are to continue to apply within Local Health Districts, The Sydney Children’s Hospitals Specialty Network until they are either amended or rescinded by the relevant District/Network.



REVISION HISTORY

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April 2020 (IB2020_014)	Deputy Secretary, People, Culture and Governance	Rescinds PD2013_021. Principles remain unchanged.
July 2013 (PD2013_021)	Deputy Director General Governance, Workforce & Corporate	Rescind PD2011_043. Updates policy to include new health entity NSW Health Pathology and the Cancer Institute.
June 2011 (PD2011_043)	Director General	Rescind PD2010_078. Updates policy following constitution of Local Health Districts and Specialty Networks.
December 2010 (PD2010_078)	Deputy Director- General Health System Support	New policy.