

About our COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL



One of the important ways we can improve whole-of-life health and wellbeing across our region is through a well-coordinated primary health sector. Brisbane South PHN's vision for its community is better system, better health. Our purpose is to improve healthcare for our communities.

Brisbane South PHN plays a key role in working with a range of primary health care services and health professionals to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of services for the local community, particularly those at risk of poor health outcomes. The region is a large geographical area south of the Brisbane River, and includes metropolitan, rural and remote island locations. Because of this diversity it is integral to Brisbane South PHN that the community voice, general practice, allied health, pharmacy and Metro South Health are in collaboration with planning and advisory decision making about health solutions.

A key component of Brisbane South PHN governance is the establishment of the Clinical and Community Advisory Councils who provide the community and health professional perspective to ensure that decisions, investment and innovations are patient-centred, cost effective and locally relevant and aligned to local care experiences and expectations.

The Community Advisory Council provides the community and consumer perspective to Brisbane South PHN's Board. This ensures that decisions, investments and innovations are patient-centred, cost-effective, and locally relevant and aligned to the needs and expectations of the local community.

The Community Advisory Council reflects the diversity and needs of our region with a membership that is representative of a broad spectrum of our community. Other organisations (NGOs and private companies) and individuals may attend meetings of the Community Advisory Council by invitation and on an as-needs basis to advise and support specific local initiatives.

The Community Advisory Council reports to the Brisbane South PHN Board, and comprises at least twelve members. In line with our focus of people and place, membership will include those who live or work within the Brisbane South PHN boundaries and have strong links with the community. They must represent the perspectives of, and can influence consumers, carers and/or patient experience of the primary health system.

The Clinical and Community Advisory Councils together are tasked with informing and guiding the development of Brisbane South PHN strategy through recommendations to the Brisbane South PHN Board by:

- Providing input on sustainable opportunities to improve and integrate health care services for the consumer
- Engaging with community networks to enable public participation
- Providing direction and leadership in relation to the integration of consumer, carer and community views into all levels of Brisbane South PHN operations, planning and policy development
- Advocating to the Board on behalf of the community, consumers and carers, including the promotion of greater attention and sensitivity to the needs of the disadvantaged and isolated and those who may be less likely to provide feedback or participate in decision making processes
- Advising on population health planning approaches and priorities for investment.

Membership of the Clinical and Community Advisory Council may comprise at least two representatives of each of the following:

- Members who are consumers, carers and/or patient representatives in the primary health system in Brisbane South
- Consumers or community members who identify as/or have expertise in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and/or LGBTQI
- Consumers and community members who identify as/or have expertise in culturally and linguistically diverse background and/or LGBTQI
- Consumers who have a disability.

In addition, the Community Advisory Council will include:

- Metro South Health representatives
- Brisbane South PHN Board member (Chair)
- Brisbane South PHN Executives and staff as required.

The Community Advisory Council will meet bi-monthly for around 1.5 hours and annually with the Brisbane South PHN Board of Directors. Notice of meeting and supporting papers will be distributed one week prior to meeting schedule. Members will be appointed for one year and two year terms as determined by Brisbane South PHN Board. Remuneration will be as per Terms of Reference and includes Council-related additional contribution. Payment will be triggered by attendance record signatures.

Meetings will be supported by Brisbane South PHN Executives who will ensure operational alignment with the work of the Councils and will ensure a flow of information from Brisbane South PHN such as data, health planning analysis, practice support and care pathways.