

Our plan for healthcare in country South Australia

Best Care. First Time. Every Time.

Improving metropolitan hospital services as part of Transforming Health will improve services for all South Australians, including those who live in the regional, rural and remote parts of our state.

At the moment, country patients account for 16 percent of overnight admissions in metropolitan hospitals. Delivering the full suite of 284 Clinical Standards and consistent quality care at these sites will lay the foundations and help determine how best to implement Transforming Health across the state. Transforming Health will focus initially on metropolitan-based health services, however country patients are also affected by these changes because:

- > country patients need to access health services in Adelaide
- > specialists travel to country hospitals to provide services locally
- > a significant range of health services is provided across country areas
- > change strategies aim to ensure all patients benefit.

Under Transforming Health, there will be opportunities to contemporise services across the healthcare system, to provide the highest quality and safety in care.

Transforming Health will also offer increased access to services for country residents by:

- > continuing to provide services as close to home as possible reducing the need for people to travel to metropolitan-based services
- > proactively facilitating the timely transfer of country residents from Adelaide back to country areas
- > increasing the use of videoconferencing through the existing Digital Telehealth Network as an alternative to face-to-face outpatient services
- > utilising other emerging technologies to support country patients to access services, for example home monitoring for people with chronic disease.

These changes will not happen immediately

You will be kept up to date with any changes in country South Australian hospitals before they happen.

We are investing in the healthcare of South Australians

Under Transforming Health we will:

- > Invest more than \$250 million to improve the State's health infrastructure.
- > Care for our Veterans with up to \$15 million for a new Centre for Excellence for the treatment of Post-Traumatic Stress and deliver more services closer to home.
- > Invest significantly to increase ambulance officers and get more ambulances on the streets.
- > Deliver better mental health services with more direct admission to beds and less time in emergency departments.
- > Create specialist centres for elective surgery, stroke, spinal and brain injury, heart disease, and lung disease.

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