

Communique

Thursday 26 September 2019

The Clinical Leadership Forum (the Forum) met on Thursday 26 September 2019.

The Forum discussed a number of key opportunities for continuous improvement of ACT's health system. Opportunities identified by members included:

- **Enhancing the workplace and patient experience** through developing emerging clinical leaders, developing incentives for clinicians including awards for clinical excellence, establishing a Canberra Health Services medical staff council and undertaking a number of Territory-wide projects in relation to clinical pathways and optimising end of life care.
- **Road blocks in and out of hospital** including hospital avoidance, access to mental health staff, centralised outpatient staff, discharge planning, affordability of prescriptions of medications following discharge and community visits on discharge from hospital.
- **Communication networks and mechanisms for communication** across the health system.
- **The role of doctors** in relation to medical governance and leadership within hospitals and medical engagement.
- **Transition of care** and refining to improve the interface between primary care and acute care hospitals.
- **Roles and responsibilities of health care disciplines** noting the changing nature of each discipline's scope of practice.

Key action items considered by the Forum included:

- **Convening a workshop with clinicians** to discuss ideas for health system improvement, clinician engagement and leadership development.
- **Finalising a Communication Plan** for the Clinical Leadership Forum.

The Forum meets bi-monthly with the next meeting is scheduled for 26 November 2019.

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