

# ACT HEALTH SYSTEM COUNCIL

## Communique: 5 DECEMBER 2023

The second meeting of the ACT Health System Council was held on 5 December 2023, to consider the prioritisation of actions in the *Health Services Plan 2022 – 2030* (the Plan), the *ACT Public Health Services Performance Framework* and integrated care.

Council acknowledged the work to date in developing the Plan in consultation with a wide variety of stakeholders, and in achieving some of the actions in the Plan, agreeing that the current evaluation of progress ahead of the two-year review in 2024, was a good opportunity to re-prioritise the remaining actions.

Council recommended a stronger link between the three strategic goals within [Accessible, Accountable, Sustainable: A Framework for the ACT Public Health System 2020-2030](#) and the actions in the Plan along with prioritising health and wellbeing broadly and stronger links with the performance framework that is being created.

Council also recommended that further work could be done in linking with other key plans including the [National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2021-31](#), the [Disability Action and Inclusion Plan](#), the [Better Together Research Strategic Plan](#) and its focus on (creating a learning health system), the [ACT Health Workforce Strategy 2023-2032](#) and in identifying the interdependencies between and within each plan and strategy.

Council discussed the draft *ACT Public Health Services Performance Framework* including the unique governance structure in the ACT with only one Local Hospital Network as well as direct agreements with some service providers. Council considered examples of performance frameworks from other jurisdictions within Australia and internationally and potential methods of prioritisation, including indicators relating to workforce, recruitment, and cultural safety.

Council also considered how to progress integrated care in the ACT noting the importance of integrated care for the ACT health system. Council will revisit this issue in March 2024 when it considers the ACT Health Workforce Strategy in depth.

The next meeting of the ACT Health System Council is on 14 February 2024.