

ACT HEALTH SYSTEM COUNCIL

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The first meeting of the ACT Health System Council was held on 8 November 2023, chaired by Dr Nigel Lyons, a highly experienced advisor with more than 35 years' experience in the NSW health system as a clinician, manager and executive.

The 14-member advisory council has been established by the Minister for Health, Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA to advise on services planning, redesign and integration, as well as workforce optimisation and safety and quality in healthcare. The Council will provide advice on integration and services that ensures Canberrans have access to high-quality, person-centred care through the public health system now and into the future. Advice will also focus on how the health system will remain sustainable while meeting the growing needs of our community.

The Council will collaborate with the Mental Health Advisory Council and consider how the whole health care system can work cohesively together especially for people experiencing poor mental health outcomes. Minister for Mental Health Emma Davidson MLA will seek advice on early intervention and prevention approaches, supports to navigate the complexity of the system and how data can best be collected and used to develop and integrate services.

Council Members were addressed by both Ministers and introduced to the ACT health system. A work plan was finalised along with the Council's Terms of Reference.

The next meeting will be in December 2023.