

# ACT HEALTH SYSTEM COUNCIL

## Communique: 6 MARCH 2024

The ACT Health System Council met for the fourth time on 6 March 2024 for a deep dive on the ACT health system workforce.

Council considered the scope and level of ambition of the *ACT Health Workforce Strategy 2023-2032* (the Strategy) and its implementation across the whole health system, incorporating primary, community, and acute care settings. Council recommended a prioritisation of actions in the Strategy and specific consideration of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander goal as well as representation on the Territory-wide Health Workforce Planning Group.

Council considered approaches for growing the health workforce and the importance of access to broad-ranging and well-coordinated clinical placements across public, private and Non-Government Sectors . Consideration was given to professional mobility and diverse career pathways for the health workforce, better integration, longevity and providing support for new graduates, as well as ongoing professional development for all staff.

ACT's unique opportunities and challenges, economic conditions, skills pressures, high acuity, and workload demands were discussed along with what research and data improvements required to understand emerging and future workforce projections.

A report back on ACT Health Directorate's Health Forum was provided. A discussion on integrated care and the importance of community based settings such as the Walk-in Centres emphasised the importance of care closer to home in the way health services could best be organised for the future.

Council will next meet in June 2024.