

Women and Newborn Health Service

WA Women's Health Strategy 2013-2017 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2014/2015

Strategic Areas for Change	Action	Achievements	
Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnerships that focus on communication and coordination of service delivery between health services, across government and with the non-government sector provides better health outcomes; • Foster and maintain partnerships which focus on gender and substantive equality within WA Health and between WA Health and other government and non-government agencies; • Collaboration with a focus on communication and coordination of service delivery with local, State, Commonwealth Governments and Aboriginal women's health services; • Advocate for an increase in resources to primary health providers such as health services for women and their families and for sustainable funding models. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Procurement of women's health services (women's health centres; regional sexual assault resource centres; and unplanned pregnancy counselling programs) commenced. Expected community outcomes developed and aligned to <i>WA Women's Health Strategy</i> priority issues and groups. Pending budget approval for continuing these long term services for a further 5 years. 2. WA Health Networks - influence the priority settings for women's health – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify relevant WA Health Networks; • Liaise with Director overseeing WA Health Networks; • Develop a survey on women's health issues/priorities and what is currently in place for WA Health Networks; • Encourage women's health as a priority. 3. Meet with someone from WA Local Government Association (WALGA) - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are they doing/how do they work? • What we are about and the Strategy • What are obvious connections? • Discuss "Public Health Plans" and how women's health can be a focus. 	<p>Universal Community Outcomes COMPLETE</p> <p>Business Case for procurement of services submitted COMPLETE</p> <p>Service Outcomes PENDING</p> <p>Procurement Plan PENDING</p>

		4. Partnership with community based women's health and sexual assault sectors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manager (Women's Health Clinical Support Programs, Women and Newborn Health Service), representative on the Women's Community Health Network Committee. ONGOING
Women in Decision Making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women are integral to planning, delivery and evaluation of health services and inform all stages of the service development process; • Women and key stakeholders participate in decisions on health service access, delivery and availability; • Mechanisms are established that ensure consultation to set priorities that inform service delivery and evaluation processes. These mechanisms will be inclusive of women from priority groups. 		
Leadership	<p>The Women and Newborn Health Service (WNHS) provides leadership within WA Health to achieve better health outcomes for women;</p> <p>Coordinate and support the implementation and ongoing facilitation of the <i>Strategy</i>;</p> <p>Publish the annual action plan and review;</p> <p>Promote a social model of health.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leadership and implementation of the <i>Strategy</i> in the WNHS 2014 Operational Plan. 2. Establish Senior Officer's Group. 3. Planning meeting conducted in September 2014 and priorities areas for work identified. 4. WA Health Clinical Senate recommendations with priorities – work with/link into those recommendations once they are available and endorsed – December 2014. 	<p><i>WA Women's Health Strategy</i> incorporated in WNHS 2014 Operational Plan. COMPLETE</p> <p>Senior Officer's Group established and inaugural meeting held in May 2014. Representatives from community women's health sector. COMPLETE</p>
Best Practice and Prevention	<p>Best practice and intervention provided by services that promote prevention and improved health outcomes for women;</p> <p>Data from health services, including information from the community based health services for women and their families and the collection of literature reviews that provide information on health conditions for women to inform policy, program and service</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Family and Domestic Violence Advisory Group – Strategic Plan 2014-2015: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Development of an overarching <i>Response to Violence</i> operational directive for WA Health: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation and negotiation with specific areas within WA Health that manage relevant policies/guidelines; • OD developed; UNDERWAY • BN and OD to DG for endorsement.

	<p>delivery;</p> <p>Collect sex aggregated data that informs service delivery in priority areas e.g. Family and Domestic Violence;</p> <p>Undertake evaluation with attention to the impact of gender to determine service effectiveness and inform service planning.</p>	<p>b) Screening, assessment and referral forms (from FDV Guideline) with a medical record number and use across WA Health. Forms are based on minimum standard.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forms to be finalised; • BN to DG to endorse WNHS allocation of MR numbers and circulation of forms across health services. UNDERWAY
<p>Workforce Development and Education</p>	<p>Health workers have knowledge, skills and an understanding of how gender equality and diversity impact on health and how best to respond;</p> <p>Undertake workforce education initiatives to build better responses, expertise and knowledge of the connection between health, gender and diversity, particularly for women at high risk.</p>	<p>1. Women’s Health Clinical Support Programs (WHCSP) and Perth Sexual Assault Resource Centre (SARC) – Training and Education for WA Health workforce (<i>Calendar for 2015 being finalised</i>)–</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • family and domestic violence (generic and in CALD communities) • Perinatal and infant mental health; • Sexual assault. 	<p>WHCSP 2015 COMPLETE</p> <p>SARC 2015 Calendar COMPLETE</p> <p>Perinatal and infant mental health 2015 Calendar COMPLETE</p>