

AKC2026 Collaborative

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Background

In response to a statewide review of kidney care services, Queensland Health developed the Advancing Kidney Care 2026 (AKC2026) Plan (the Plan), released on 6 June 2019, which sets out the priority actions to improve kidney health and kidney health services in Queensland's public health system.

A copy of the Plan is available at <https://clinicalexcellence.qld.gov.au/priority-areas/service-improvement/advancing-kidney-care-2026/advancing-kidney-care-2026-plan>.

The AKC2026 Collaborative (the Collaborative) was established in September 2018 to drive improvements in kidney health and the provision of public sector kidney services in Queensland. Membership of the Collaborative comprises consumers, clinicians, executives of Hospital and Health Services (HHSs) and the Department of Health. The Plan and Collaborative form part of the Hon. Steven Miles', Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services, set of priorities to improve the outcomes and benefits delivered for all Queenslanders under Rapid Results Areas 2&3 (Delivering what matters).

AKC2026 Update

At the 2019 Queensland Health and Department of Health Awards for Excellence, AKC2026 were announced as the winners of the *Minister's Award for Excellence*, which came with a first prize of \$50,000. This money will be reinvested into the AKC2026 program with a focus on kidney supportive care, including learning and education opportunities for kidney care clinicians. AKC2026 also received a highly commended within the *Delivering healthcare* category. This win is recognition of the partnership between clinicians and consumers to improve the wellbeing of people on a kidney health pathway. The AKC2026 Collaborative and Project Team would like to sincerely thank you all for your continued support.

At the 7 February 2020 meeting the Collaborative noted:

- Progress on baseline mapping of current kidney services. This will be compared against the care described in the *Queensland Health framework for delivering quality care to people with kidney disease* (the Framework) to identify if, and where, there are gaps. Following this, the Collaborative will consider actions to begin to bridge these gaps. The results will also inform future funding priorities for kidney services across the state. A critical element of the baseline mapping is a survey which all HHSs will be asked to complete.

The three sites to pilot the baseline mapping survey (North West HHS, Sunshine Coast HHS and Mater Brisbane) have completed their surveys and provided feedback which has informed

and improved the survey content and baseline mapping process. The Collaborative noted their appreciation of this support from the pilot sites.

The survey was sent to HHS Chief Executives and Renal Heads of Department on 7 February 2020, with a request to nominate a local contact who will take a lead role in completing the survey by COB 14 February 2020. Final completed surveys will be due back to the Project Delivery Team by COB 6 March 2020.

- An update from the Information Stream, which reported work is on track to provide basic reports for set 1 of the statewide kidney information data source by the end of March 2020.
- The Kidney Transplant Expansion Advisory Group met on 3 February 2020, agreeing that planning should commence now for a second site for kidney transplantation in Queensland. The Advisory Group will develop a draft of the minimum requirements for a second transplantation site and provide to the Collaborative for review.
- HHSs have submitted business cases for the provision of haemodialysis closer to home for people living in regional, rural and remote communities, with these submissions being collated and prioritised by the Collaborative. The Department of Health is seeking recurrent funding for the prioritised initiatives. No funding decisions have yet been made.
- There will be a meeting on 13 February with AKC2026 representatives, Kidney Health Australia and Equity Health Solutions to discuss options for mobile and modular solutions for haemodialysis infrastructure.

The next meeting of the Collaborative is on 3 April 2020.

Further information on the Collaborative is available at: <https://clinicalexcellence.qld.gov.au/priority-areas/service-improvement/advancing-kidney-care-2026>.

Any queries about the Collaborative and its work priorities can be emailed to AKC2026Collaborative@health.qld.gov.au.