

# 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), 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 health services in Queensland. Membership of the Collaborative comprises consumers, clinicians, executives of Hospital and Health Services 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.

### AKC2026 Update

The Collaborative held its ninth meeting on 7 June 2019, where the achievements of the Collaborative over the past nine months were noted, and the priorities for 2019-2020 were agreed. They include:

- The Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services released the Advancing Kidney Care 2026 Plan (the Plan) on Thursday 6 June 2019.
- The Collaborative has drafted patient pathways, resource profiles, quality statements and quality measures, which together describe the specialist kidney care that all Queensland public patients should receive. These have been collated into *The framework for delivering quality care to people with kidney disease* (the Framework), which includes chapters on chronic kidney disease, vascular access, haemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis, transplant, acute kidney injury and kidney supportive care. Stakeholder review of the Framework closed on Tuesday 11 June 2019 and it is expected to be finalised by the next Collaborative meeting on Friday 2 August 2019.
- In 2019-2020, the Collaborative will undertake a mapping and gap analysis of existing kidney care services against the Framework to gain a more detailed understanding of current gaps in service provision and to inform next steps in bridging these gaps.
- The Collaborative has also commenced development of a digitally integrated kidney care data source that is secure, standardised, and used for improvement.
- In 2019-2020 the Collaborative will continue to develop the kidney care information solution, with the first data set expected to be available in early 2020. Work will continue in the second half of 2019-2020 to refine and deliver the next data set.
- The Collaborative is reviewing the current funding model for public kidney services in Queensland. The aim is to consider whether it is feasible to link funding to outcomes for patients and service effectiveness.
- Whilst the alternative funding model is under review, an immediate injection of \$10 million in recurrent funding for kidney care services has been made available, commencing in 2019-2020. At its May 2019 meeting, the Collaborative agreed on the allocation of this funding to Hospital and Health Services which had made submissions for a share in the funding.

- In 2019-2020 the Collaborative will monitor and evaluate these funded initiatives to ensure delivery of specified outcomes.
- In 2019-2020 the Collaborative will also:
  - Provide information sessions on the Framework, information solution, funding model and planned mapping and gap analysis.
  - Following the gap analysis, advise on actions to promote supported dialysis in remote areas and develop recommendations to optimise and grow dialysis units where required.
  - Investigate options for kidney health promotion and prevention messaging and actions to improve clean water.
  - Seek advice on the need for, and best approach to, developing a paediatric version of the Framework.

The next meeting of the Collaborative is on Friday 2 August 2019.

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](mailto:AKC2026Collaborative@health.qld.gov.au).

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