

Clinical Excellence Queensland - Healthcare Improvement Unit

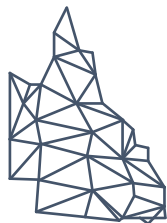
Queensland Dementia, Ageing and Frailty (QDAF) Clinical Network Work Plan 2024-25

Objectives

The Work Plan 2024-25 captures planned activities of the Queensland Dementia, Ageing, and Frailty Clinical Network (QDAF) that are in alignment with Queensland Health system-wide strategic priorities, across the next 12 months. The key function of the QDAF is to drive improvements in the quality, safety, and effectiveness of services for older adults in Queensland.

We will achieve these activities through:

- **Supporting the development and critical review of evidence-based standards of care, clinical policy, guidelines and pathways**, and endorsing those that support the changing needs of the population and foster safe and effective innovation across health services relating to dementia, ageing, and frailty.
- **Actioning network-wide communications, discussion forums and focussed working groups** to enable:
 - sharing of innovative approaches to older adult care statewide, nationally and internationally,
 - consultation across topical issues or concerns related to dementia, ageing, and frailty services in Queensland,
 - awareness of successful trial models of care for older adults that have potential to scale to statewide implementation.
- **Provision of an open and supportive environment** to hear from consumers of dementia, ageing and frailty services to better understand the patient journey, needs and insights and to support co-design and consumer-inclusive initiatives.
- **Supporting equity of access to dementia, ageing, and frailty health services** for vulnerable populations including First Nations, those culturally and linguistically diverse, those living in rural and remote areas, and those from lower socio-economic areas through advocacy and collaborative engagement with Hospital and Health Services, primary care, community stakeholders, non-government organisations, and the Queensland Department of Health.
- **Fostering education and training** to support provision of best practice care for older Queenslanders.
- **Facilitating engagement and collaboration** between Queensland Health, community and primary health care providers as well as local, interstate and national partners in older adult care to explore evidence-based multidisciplinary ideas, advice and models of care that may positively influence service delivery and patient outcomes for older adults in Queensland.
- **Provision of expertise, direction and advice** to Queensland Health Executive, Hospital and Health Services, and Boards of Management in relation to service planning and emerging issues in the dementia, ageing, and frailty care space locally, statewide and nationally. This will be leveraged by working with other Clinical Networks (within Queensland and interstate).



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Our aim: We will support ongoing development of capability and capacity in service delivery, leveraging an open and progressive community of shared expertise comprised of clinicians, stakeholders, consumers and broader collaborators. We will identify and support solutions, models and initiatives that deliver equitable, high-quality older adult services and improved patient outcomes. We will evaluate and communicate our impact using [logic models](#), the [Improvement Exchange](#), Network Forums, communiques, and links to the Queensland Department of Health.

Clinical Best Practice	Service Improvement	Workforce
<p>Strategic links with Queensland Department of Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular meetings with reform office - System policy branch representative on steering committee <p>Consumer Advisory Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide specialist consumer advisory capacity to QDAF steering committee and bodies of work <p>Dementia Reference Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide dementia specialist advisory capacity to QDAF Steering Committee and bodies of work <p>Residential Aged Care Support Service (RaSS) pathways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maintain and evaluate use of published RaSS pathways 	<p>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healthy Ageing Clinic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Co-design and support delivery of a specialist geriatric outpatient clinic for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders with Metro North and the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health. <p>Geriatric Evaluation and Management (GEM) Hospital in the Home (HITH) and GEM Rehabilitation (GEMR) HITH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support creation and expansion of GEM HITH and GEMR HITH services across Queensland <p>Sustainability & climate change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explore opportunities to reduce environmental impacts & enhance sustainability related to QDAF priorities/projects <p>National Dementia Action Plan (NDAP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Respond at a Hospital and Health Service and Queensland Department level to the NDAP and its associated performance targets <p>Alzheimer’s Dementia Monoclonal Antibodies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engage with Hospital and Health Services to inform what action (if any) to be taken by Queensland Health due to potential regulatory approval of anti-amyloid medications for use in Australia <p>Restrictive Practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working with Caxton on dignity of risk and developing a strategy - Work with stakeholders in Queensland Health in relation to capacity assessment in keeping with relevant legislative guidelines 	<p>Increasing Queensland Health Staff knowledge of cognitive impairment and dementia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explore and advocate for mandatory training on Cognitive Impairment and Dementia for Queensland Health staff - Investigate scaling up project ECHO for dementia statewide - Ongoing partnership with Australian Frailty Network to deliver monthly webinars on topics relating to frailty <p>Advise on occupational violence prevention relating to patients with cognitive impairment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - QDAF representation on statewide strategic occupational violence committee <p>Ageing in the outback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with the Western Queensland PHN to develop and implement strategies to improve older adult care in Western Queensland <p>NHMRC Partnership Project - A novel approach to partnering with family carers in the prevention of delirium.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide a representative for the project steering committee and support with the dissemination of findings at the health policy and service level, including identification of pathways for potential broader implementation and impact <p>OASIS Care Model</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assist Country2Coast PHN to deliver the integrated Care OASIS model. Central Queensland’s systems approach to healthy ageing