

QUARTERLY MEETING WITH COUNTRY HEALTH SA

COMMUNIQUÉ

Attended by: Mr George Beltchev, Chief Executive Officer, Country Health SA
Dr Peter Chapman, Chief Medical Advisor, Country Health SA
Dr Mike Beckoff, Chair, GPSA Board of Directors
Dr Cathy Sanders, Vice Chair, GPSA Board of Directors
Mr Kim Hosking, Chair, Division Executives Network SA
Ms Gretchen Scinta, Chief Executive Officer, GPSA

1. The **Out of Hospital Strategy** was discussed and George Beltchev described the planning process which requires CHSA to apply for these funds. GPSA expressed interest in being involved in the planning and it was agreed that it would strengthen the case for CHSA to receive OOHS funding if a partnership with Divisions can be demonstrated.
2. Perspectives on the **National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission Interim Report** were discussed. CHSA indicated there needs to be a more detailed and structured approach to infrastructure and particularly, rural and remote infrastructure. There is a need to recognise that this is not solely a Health solution, but rather requires a broader Rural solution.
3. **Workforce** issues were discussed, and CHSA commented that they are supportive of the community-based interns. With regard to IMGs, the potential to take this topic to the Clinical Senate was identified.
4. CHSA provided an update on the **Implementation of the Strategy for Planning Country Health Services**. The focus has been on the HACS and getting them established, and on development of the planning templates for Local Health Services Plans. There is work in progress to identify planning status for each of the hospitals. CHSA will be inviting GPSA to a workshop in March to establish a Workforce Steering Committee.

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