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QUARTERLY MEETING WITH SA HEALTH

COMMUNIQUÉ

Attended by: Dr Tony Sherbon, Chief Executive, SA Health
Dr David Panter, Executive Director, Statewide Service Strategy, SA Health
Dr Mike Beckoff, Chair, GPSA Board of Directors
Dr Cathy Sanders, Vice Chair, GPSA Board of Directors
Ms Gretchen Scinta, Chief Executive Officer, GPSA

1. SA Health reported that there are no changes to plans for the new **Royal Adelaide Hospital**. Documents are ready to go to the marketplace in the second half of this year. Education has been built into the design, but research is still under negotiation.
2. The rollout of the **Model of Care** was discussed and GPSA described presentations to the Clinical Senate that addressed patient care flows and identified barriers to transition between services and transport issues.
3. **Contracts ending at 30 June 2009** were highlighted and SA Health offered assistance with any issues with timing for contract renewal.
4. SA Health provided an update on the status of planning for **secure messaging and electronic discharge summaries**. They have been working on a proof of concept, and testing was successful. They will be in contact with GPSA to further update.
5. SA Health discussed their overall **e-health** direction. There is a business case that needs to be approved and the State is also waiting for direction from COAG on an e-health strategy. \$200 million has been provided to NeHTA from COAG to finalise identifiers for patients and providers; provider identifiers are scheduled to be piloted later this year. Overall funding to the State for e-health has been decreased.
6. SA Health confirmed that there has been no change to the **Out of Hospital Strategy**, and this is not a focus area for any savings. Primary Care support strategies such as Practice Nurse Incentives will continue.

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