



NSW Regional
Health Partners

STRATEGIC PLAN 2023 -2027

Our Vision

Healthy communities and effective, efficient healthcare services across regional and rural NSW

Our Purpose

To support and accelerate the translation of evidence into practice to improve the health and wellbeing of regional and rural communities and the efficiency and effectiveness of health services.

Our Values

The strength of community
The power of evidence
The gains made by sharing
Sincere conversations
Equity in health care

Our Targets

Objective

Understand what matters to our partners and communities

Within 2 years

Consult with stakeholders to assess needs across the footprint
Collate supporting evidence and develop logic models for three agreed focus areas
Establish mechanisms to partner with Indigenous groups and health services
Develop systems to identify and prioritise emerging health service needs for research translation initiatives, including in Indigenous communities

Within 5 years

Maintain systems that identify and prioritise emerging health service needs for research translation initiatives, and monitor their progress, including in Indigenous communities

Apply existing evidence to solve local health service problems

Commence at least three research translation initiatives to address low value care
Commence at least one proof of concept project to embed best available evidence into health service policy, practice and/or procedures
Remove at least one system barrier or blockage preventing healthcare workers from applying evidence

Demonstrate positive change in practice, outcomes and/or experience of health care in at least three initiatives
Embed best available evidence into health service policy, practice and/or procedures for at least one proof of concept project
Adapt and implement at least one evidence-based intervention in all Local Health Districts within the footprint

Understand what worked and why (or why not)

Apply a framework and mechanisms to evaluate the impact of all new NSW RHP initiatives

Evaluate local impact and share findings with partners for at least one initiative
Complete at least one health economics analysis, process evaluation, and impact assessment

Build on the things that work

Identify at least one previous NSW RHP initiative that has worked and apply it in at least one other site

Achieve at least one change in state or national policies or guidelines from NSW RHP initiatives

Our enabling environment

We will support, sustain, and build the capacity of NSW Regional Health Partners, and our people, systems and partnerships to translate research into practice and policy.

Within one year

- Establish a consumer register to engage people with lived experience in design, implementation and evaluation of translational research
- Establish a researcher register to connect researchers to each other, healthcare workers and to existing and emerging research opportunities
- Create and deliver a comprehensive training program to healthcare workers to support research translation
- Refine the purpose and functions of the Consumer Advisory Committee to ensure it is fit for purpose
- Create mechanisms and opportunities for healthcare workers, researchers and consumers to collaborate and network, and share outcomes and experiences
- Establish ways of partnering with Indigenous groups and health services
- Develop a communications strategy to strengthening NSW RHP's voice
- Develop a funding plan to support NSW RHP for the next five years
- Submit at least two large grant applications in line with agreed focus areas
- Establish mechanisms to monitor and respond to emerging training needs

Ongoing

- Establish and maintain mechanisms to support researchers, clinicians and consumers to work together as one team on NSW RHP initiatives
- Establish and maintain mechanisms to partner with Indigenous groups and health services
- Participate in national and state initiatives to improve data quality, access and sharing, including through AHRA and NSW Research Translation collaborative research
- Evaluation, including an impact analysis, embedded in all programs of work to assess progress and outcomes