

HEALTHY IDEAS CAMPAIGN CHALLENGE

Innovative Out of Hospital Initiatives

Challenge timeframe: 20 November 2019 – 20 December 2019

SA Health is seeking ideas for new innovative, out of hospital initiatives to help rebalance the South Australian health system, and realign the health trajectory for South Australians.

Our context

Demand for hospital-based services continues to increase year on year in South Australia, nationally and internationally. It is recognised that there is a need to rebalance and refocus the health system to include a greater focus on out of hospital care, to support the sustainability of our health system, deliver better patient outcomes, and improve community confidence in our health system. We need to explore innovative ways to deliver more care, where it is safe and appropriate to do so, in out of hospital or community settings.

This will help to relieve the pressure off of our tertiary hospitals, and deliver care to patients closer to, or within the home, making care more accessible, and freeing up our hospitals to deliver expert and specialised acute care when it is needed most.

In line with community standards and expectations, rebalancing the system will also include increasing the level of choice and options for providing care in a variety of care settings, aligned and are tailored to community needs and preferences.

Some of the key areas of focus for SA Health include:

- The improved management of chronic and prevalent conditions.
- Keeping people healthy through early intervention and preventative health care.
- Addressing disproportionate ill-health.
- Supporting our most vulnerable people.
- Reducing unwarranted variation in clinical practice.
- Reducing inequalities in health outcomes.
- Exploring community alternatives to hospital care to ease pressure on our emergency departments.
- Improved service accessibility, integration, and continuity across the continuum of care.

What are we looking for?

SA Health is looking to explore opportunities within the out of hospital space that can support furthering this goal, in ways that represents the needs of the community, deliver the highest standards of safe and quality care, and support sustainability of our system, our institutions and

our workforce. Central to this rebalancing is a need to work collaboratively across the public system, and with our suppliers, industry, our clinicians and our community.

We are open to ideas that seek to address both immediate priorities and future needs, and you have an important part to play in this. We are seeking your ideas for new innovative, out of hospital initiatives that you believe could make a difference, and address an existing gap or identified need for our community.

Potential ideas, solutions and innovations need to be able to demonstrate that they would deliver, or support the delivery of the level of care required, improve health outcomes including those that matter to patients most, whilst also being provided in an efficient way. Any service delivery initiatives must be able to demonstrate appropriate safety and quality standards.

What are we hoping to achieve?

As an organisation, we are continually striving to:

- Deliver better patient experiences and outcomes.
- Provide timely and appropriate management of health conditions by refocussing the system towards patient desired outcomes, early intervention and prevention services.
- Reduce unnecessary hospital utilisation and lower avoidable admissions and re-admissions.
- Ensure our resources are applied efficiently and effectively to meet community health needs.

Idea assessment criteria

1. Does the idea seek to improve the health trajectory of the South Australian population, a specific group within the population, or address a known issue?
2. Does the idea seek to improve the patient/consumer experience of care (including quality and satisfaction)?
3. How does the idea align with services currently provided by SA Health?
4. Does the supplier have the resources, capability and capacity to support progression of the idea?
5. What would be the resource and capability requirements for SA Health to support progression of the idea?

Submitting an idea

Suppliers are invited to register and submit ideas via the Healthy Ideas portal.

Ideas are requested to be submitted by 20 December 2019.