



National Framework for Maternity Services project - fact sheet 2

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Background

As agreed by Health Ministers at the April 2016 COAG Health Council meeting the National Framework for Maternity Services (NFMS) project will incorporate two components:

- Evaluation of the processes that occurred in developing and implementing the National Maternity Services Plan 2010 – 2015 (NMSP).
- Development of an enduring National Framework for Maternity Services incorporating an antenatal health risk factors strategy.

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu (Deloitte) has been engaged as the independent consultant to conduct this important project.

Consultation

There are two consultation phases in the development of the NFMS to ensure that all stakeholders have an opportunity to contribute to this important document.

The first targeted consultation phase was held in December 2016 to inform the development of a consultation draft NFMS. A consultation report has been provided by Deloitte to the Maternity Care Policy Working Group (MCPWG).

The second phase is a broad stakeholder and public consultation on the consultation draft of the NFMS.

National Framework for Maternity Services – Consultation draft

Deloitte have developed a consultation draft NFMS following the completion of the first phase of consultation. This first phase of consultation gathered perspectives from a range of stakeholders, including health consumers, as well as the medical, nursing and midwifery workforce through professional bodies including the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (RANZCOG), the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP), and the Australian College of Midwives (ACM).

The contribution and involvement of key stakeholders in the continued development of the NFMS is highly valued. The consultation draft NFMS:

- provides a vision and principles for the delivery of maternity services in Australia
- incorporates an antenatal health risk factors strategy

The consultation draft NFMS is now available for broad consultation. All stakeholders are invited to contribute through reviewing the draft NFMS and completing the consultation survey available at www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au. The survey will close on 18 April 2017. Alternatively, submissions can be made in writing to StrategicPolicy@health.qld.gov.au.



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Following the completion of the broad consultation a final draft of NFMS will be submitted to AHMAC and the COAG Health Council for approval. A consultation report outlining the feedback received from stakeholders will be made available following the completion of the broad consultation phase. The NFMS project is expected to be finalised by 30 June 2017.

National Maternity Services Plan 2010 – 2015 - process evaluation report

The NMSP process evaluation has been conducted by Deloitte and focused on the context around the development of the NMSP and the challenges faced in the implementation of the NMSP. The process evaluation is important in informing the development and contributing to the successful implementation of the NFMS. The key findings from the process evaluation have been identified and are outlined in a 'Process Evaluation Report - Key Findings' section within the consultation draft of the NFMS.

Maternity Care Policy Work Group

The MCPWG has been established as a time limited working group under the auspices of the Community Care and Population Health Principal Committee (CCPHPC), a principal committee of the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council (AHMAC). The MCPWG is a group of key jurisdictional officials established to oversee the process evaluation of the NMSP and the development of an enduring NFMS.

The MCPWG will provide guidance to Deloitte and will report regularly to CCPHPC and AHMAC on the progress of the project.

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