

HCCA HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM TEAM CONSULTATION SUMMARY

Group/Organisation	Inner South Canberra Community Council	Contact person	Sue Ross
Date	16 April 2013	Attendance figure	31
Time	7pm	Venue	Eastlakes Football Club, Kingston

SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED

A question was asked regarding who can access information from the Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record (PCEHR). According to the Department of Health and Ageing's ehealth website, it is possible to limit which health care organisations can see and add to the information on the record. The privacy of the PCEHR is protected by the *Personally Controlled Electronic Health Records Act 2012* and the *Privacy Act 1988*. PCEHR security will also be maintained through audit trails, technology and data management controls to prevent/detect unauthorised access.

Attendees raised the perception that the inner south is privileged, despite there being significant pockets of deprivation. In connection to this, there were questions raised regarding a Community Health Centre for the Inner South. There are currently no plans for this – the nearest Community Health Centres are at Civic and Phillip. This contributes to a feeling of the region being overlooked in terms of service provision. A number of attendees agreed that the parking arrangements at the Phillip Community Health Centre are poor.

A question was asked regarding the formal channels utilized by HCCA to influence decision making. HCCA has trained consumer representatives on all levels

of committees, including decision-making bodies, within the ACT Health Directorate. HCCA conducts focus groups and consultations, and uses this information to develop submissions on policy in a number of key areas. The HCCA Executive meets regularly with both Peggy Brown, the Director-General of the Health Directorate, and Katy Gallagher, ACT Chief Minister/Health Minister.

One attendee asked for a breakdown in Federal/ACT funding for the Health Infrastructure Program. Most of the funding is provided by the ACT Government, with funding from the Federal Government on specific projects, usually covered under a National Partnership Agreement. We are looking into getting a more specific breakdown of funding.

A question was raised about potential redevelopment the Calvary John James Private Hospital. As this is a private hospital, it isn't in the scope of the Health Infrastructure Program.

Attendees asked for an update on the Secure Mental Health Unit and what level of security it will have. This facility is due to be completed in 2016, in Symonston at the former site of the Quamby Youth Detention Centre. The Secure Mental Health Unit will cater for medium to low security residents. Residents needing higher security will be transferred to other jurisdictions.

A question was raised regarding HCCA's position on the use of the National Broadband Network. The ACT eHealth Consumer Reference Group that is convened by HCCA has discussed the potential of the NBN, especially in relation to telemedicine services for patients in Canberra to contact interstate specialists, and for regional patients to contact clinicians in Canberra. The eHealth Consumer Reference Group is monitoring these developments.