

# Scope of the Taskforce on Pain Management

1. A brief literature review
2. Best estimates of the prevalence of pain in NSW
3. Further initiatives to better document the prevalence of pain in NSW and options to develop a population-based approach to the delivery of effective pain management services in NSW
4. Identification of the most effective pain management interventions including finalisation of NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation model of care for pain management
5. Identification of resource needs of the nine Faculty of Pain Management approved pain clinics across NSW to ensure they are able to meet demand and address long waiting times for treatment (with reference to Responsibility 3 and the need for further pain management services)
6. Development of strategies, building on the existing initiatives of the NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation Pain Management Network, to improve transitions of care between community-based primary health care and hospital based services to prevent unnecessary hospitalisation – a plan strongly in keeping with the National Pain Strategy
7. Identification of research priorities related to patient experience and effective pain management.