

Whole of Health Program

Direction and Strategy,

Masterclass - 28 June 2017



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The Whole of Health Program aims to support timely access to care

Overview

- The Whole of Hospital Program was launched in 2013 to support local health districts in driving the strategic change
- Access to high quality, safe and timely health care is critical for patients, carers and staff.
- Support the implementation of the NEAT agenda

Key Components

- Centrally facilitated **locally led** implementation
- State-wide networking and collaboration
- Data sharing
- State-wide projects



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There is a range of resources available to Hospitals as part of the program





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There are four common initiatives typically used as part of the program



Patient flow process improvement



Demand escalation



Capacity management initiatives



Emergency Department, Admitted Patient and Mental Health diagnostics and initiatives





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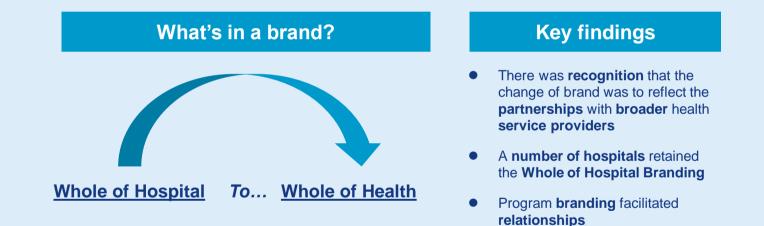


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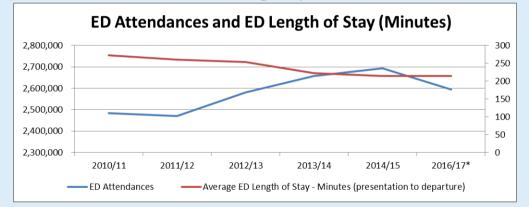


A common insight was the change in program name had minimal impact on understanding or acceptance





Overall performance improved with a reduction in length of stay in emergency departments reducing by 59 minutes

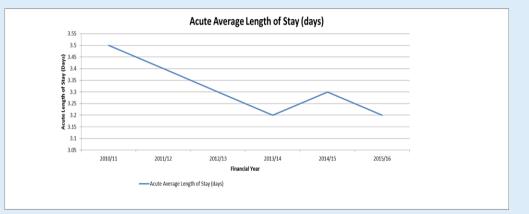


Comments

- Data prior to WOHP demonstrated that NSW was a lower than average performer
- Emergency Department LOS reduced significantly 2011-2016
- · Data sourced from NSW Annual Reports



It also identified that acute length of stay reduced significantly from 3.5 to 3.2 days



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- Acute Length of Stay reduced from 3.5 to 3.2 days
- Data sourced from NSW Annual Reports
- Acute average length of stay includes overnight and same day separations.
- Acute average length of stay = (Acute bed days/Acute separations).
- Acute activity is defined by a service category of acute or newborn.



To date the focus of the WOH program has been mainly on process improvements in the acute hospital

Projects focused on patient flow, and access

There is a belief that there is still **significant opportunity** in the **acute hospital**

> There was few examples of hospitals working with community health services



The report established 12 major findings which we were able to reflect on





The WOH Program 'Site Lead' is a pivotal role in supporting implementation

Finding 1: Site Lead

- The role requires dedicated time on the program
- The funding arrangements creates challenges for retention of valuable staff
- There needs to be investment in capability development for the Lead



Governance is key to driving and supporting implementation and change

Finding 2: *Governance*

- Effective governance is necessary to decide how best to address local issues that influence patient flow and access
- The evaluation found diverse governance structures and decision-making processes for WOHP across hospitals and districts, which mirrored organisational structures.
- Hospitals with sound governance arrangements for the WOHP were successful with implementation



System improvements need the engagement of the Multi-disciplinary Team

Finding 3: Systems Improvements

- Patient access and flow is affected by clinician behaviour and practices — doctors, nurses and allied health practitioners.
- Clinician engagement has varied across professional groups and within groups and hospitals
- Governance structures with senior multi disciplinary representation were likely to be more successful with engaging all levels of clinical staff



Rural and regional sites need greater access to support

Finding 4: *Rural and Regional Sites*

- Clinicians working in regional and rural areas face challenges in attending Masterclasses
- Logistical difficulties and lack of available resources for travel
- More structured support for implementation at the local level in rural and regional settings



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The website has been valuable, although the benefits of the newsletter have been varied

Finding 5: Newsletters and Website

- Staff were very **positive** about the **website**, and the access to tools and resources
- There was **varied views** about the newsletter with minimal reader uptake
- Staff suggested more agile ways of interfacing would increase access and uptake



Generally data snapshots have been useful although further improvements are required

Finding 6: Weekly Data Snapshots

- Hospitals with limited access to data find them useful; whilst data rich sites saw less utility in the data
- Stakeholders use the data to understand **trends across** the system over time
- The format is not meeting the needs of the user



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The diagnostics tools have also been useful

Finding 7: Diagnostic Tools

- Most hospitals were really positive about the diagnostic tools provided by the Ministry.
- Tools such as:
 - Who owns the timeline study
 - Why am I still here study



The teleconference provides support but there is opportunity for improvement

Finding 8: Teleconference

- Many WOHP Leads regularly attended fortnightly teleconferences
- Some found these very useful for learning about certain topics and for hearing about other hospitals' experiences, as well as for networking
- WOHP Leads new to their position typically found the teleconferences most useful



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The Subject Matter Experts are a valuable resource to bring insights to teams

Finding 9: Subject Matter Experts

- Ability to communicate and tell a story
- Expertise and evidence-based approach
- Understanding of the culture of the hospital and district
- Mix of different technical skill sets
- **Responsive**, with a **coaching** approach.
- The channel to access the SME needs to be clear



A major challenge exists in application and use of reporting templates

Finding 10: *Reporting Templates*

- Ministry **reporting templates** can be **onerous**
- Hospitals frequently utilise their own templates
- There can be **duplication in documentation**



The feedback on the Masterclasses was largely positive

Finding 11: *Masterclass*

- The classes were most useful when the topic was directly relevant to their current needs
- When the content addressed context-specific challenges and was solution-focused.
- Less useful when insufficient detail was given about what skills are needed, and how to manage the change management process
- Decisions about who attends are **based on the program**



To be successful the program needs to be locally led and centrally co-ordinated

Finding 12: Locally-led Centrally co-ordinated

- Relationships
- Trust
- Understanding of the **local context**
- Sponsorship



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There are 3 Key Strategic Priorities of the Program



3 Provide Analytics

To support staff with analytics and to ensure data is accessible, and meaningful to both managers and clinicians





To increase support to improve patient flow and operational performance for timely access to care

- Tailored project support
- Commitment from diagnostic to implementation
- Reliable access to coaching
- Clear channels to access resources



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To improve communication, collaboration, capability and across the system

- To provide **capability development** for WOHP leads, and **key roles**
- To collaborate with the pillars and agencies
- To continually strengthen the Masterclass
- To actively facilitate access to the right resources and relationships across the system
- To ensure education and engagement is multidisciplinary





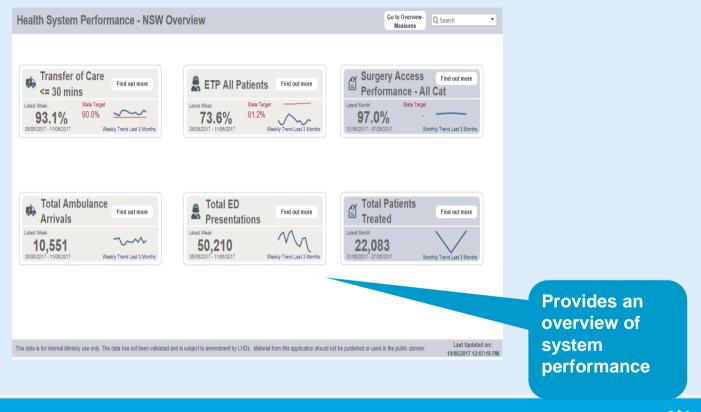
To support staff with analytics and to ensure data is accessible, and meaningful to both managers and clinicians

- To ensure support for leads, clinicians and managers to understand and access relevant data
- Easily accessible **Apps**:
 - Health System Performance App
 - ED demographics App
 - ED Dashboard
 - Patient Flow Portal





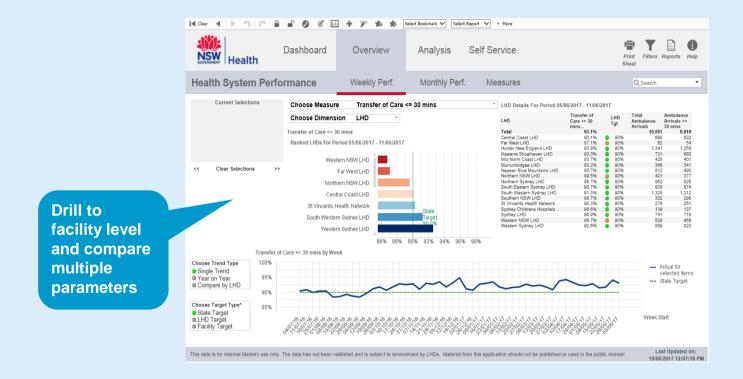
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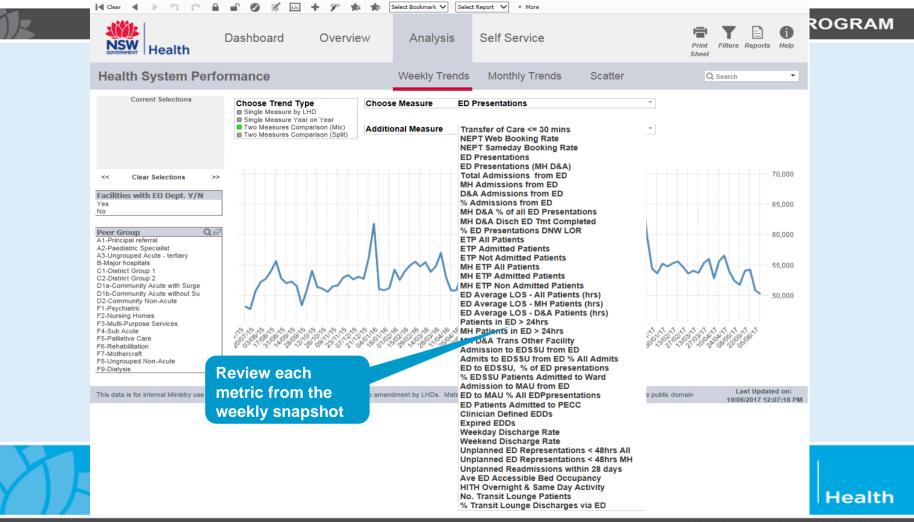


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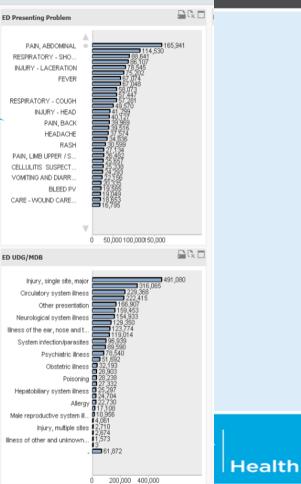
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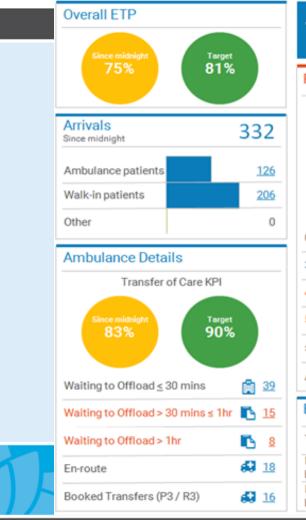
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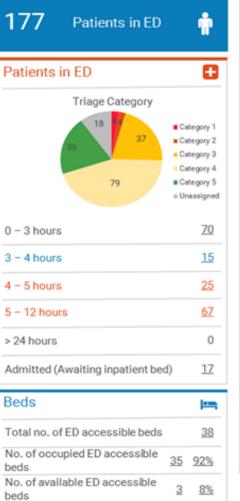
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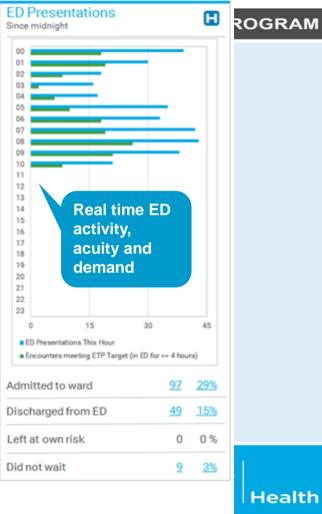
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The WOHP can provide support



Project Management



Diagnostic and patient flow systems assessment



Change Management



Process Improvement



Communications and Stakeholder Engagement



Data and analytics support



Channels to access support

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