



Our work towards Health Equity

Metro North Health (MNH) is committed to providing equity of access to high quality health care services and building relationships based on inclusion with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their communities and remains committed to achieve life expectancy parity for Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples by 2031.

MNH's goal is to ensure all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people accessing health services will receive high-quality person-centred care that is culturally responsive, empowers self-care and choice, and is designed to improve health and wellbeing.

The Metro North Health Equity Strategy, to be launched in late April 2022, describes our commitment to:

-  Actively eliminating racial discrimination and institutional racism within the service
-  Increasing access to healthcare services
-  Delivering sustainable, culturally safe and responsive healthcare services
-  Influencing the social, cultural and economic determinants of health
-  Working with First Nations peoples, communities, and organisations to design, deliver, monitor and review health services

MNH's commitment to health equity is across the entire health system and we will be working in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Health Organisations and the Brisbane North Primary Health Network.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is Equality vs Equity?

Equality means each individual or group of people is given the same resources or opportunities. Equity recognises that each person has different circumstances and allocates the exact resources and opportunities needed to reach an equal outcome.

What is Metro North Health trying to achieve?

The Metro North Health Equity Strategy describes our commitment to drive health equity, eliminate institutional racism across the public health system and achieve life expectancy parity for Aboriginal peoples and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples by 2031.

Making Tracks Together – Queensland’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Equity Framework details the policy settings and strategic directions for Hospital and Health Services (HHSs) to develop and implement new Health Equity Strategies as required by the Health Legislation Amendment Act 2020 and the Hospital and Health Boards Regulation 2012.

A commitment to health equity requires reform, change and improvement across the entire health system—it can’t be a continuation of the status quo or business as usual. Now is the time to be bold and brave because all parts of the health system need, can and should do better.

What is the timeline?

The Metro North Health Equity Strategy will be co-designed and co-developed by April 2022.

Who is involved?

Metro North health staff, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Traditional Owners, Elders and consumers, The Institute for Urban Indigenous Health, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled organisations, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community services, other Government, community and primary care organisations within the Metro North area.

In addition, the development and implementation stakeholders are Health and Wellbeing Queensland, The Chief Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Officer (CATSIHO) and Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (QAIHC).

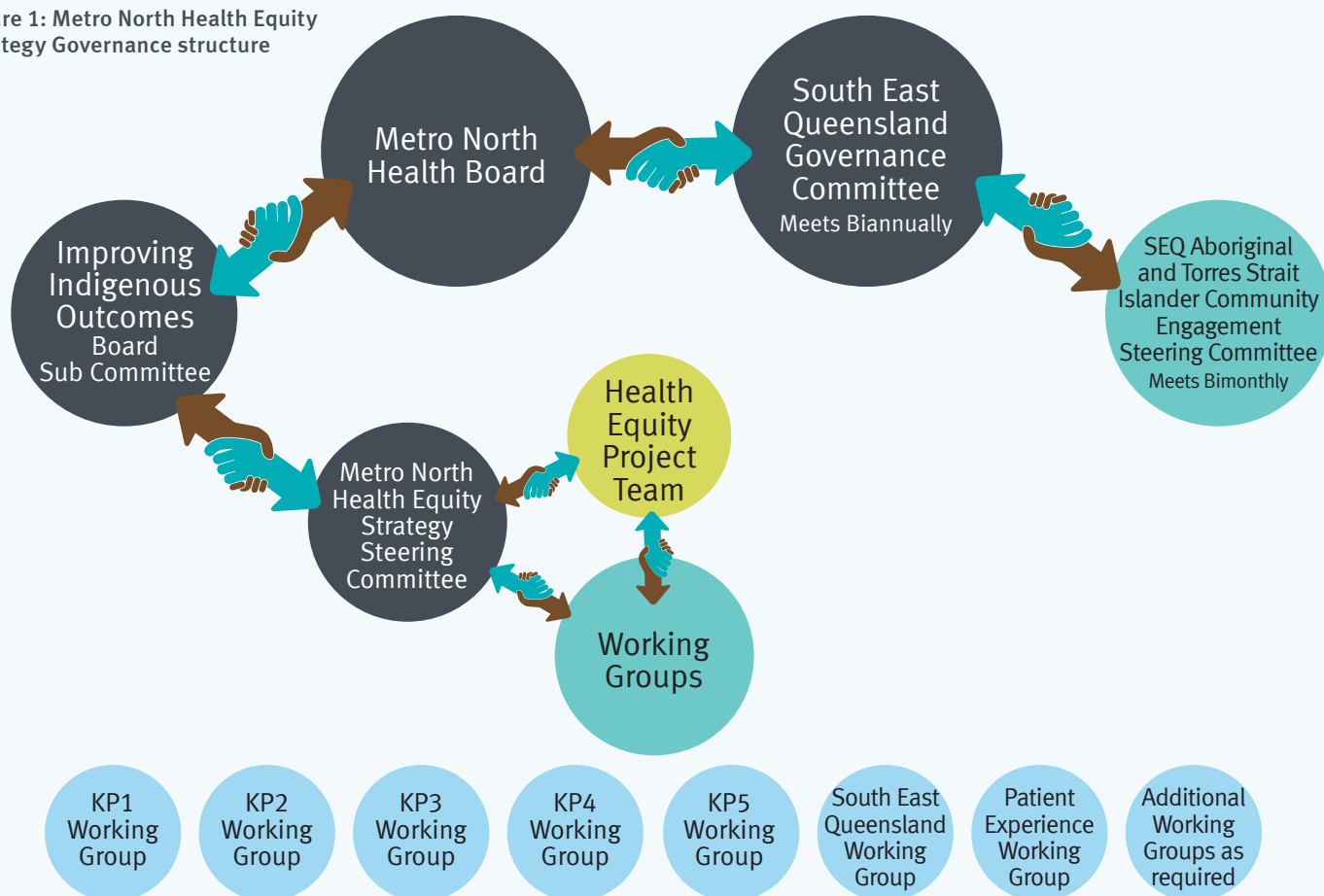
What does the current data show us?

The highest priority for closing the gap in mortality will be through addressing mortality rates from external causes, respiratory diseases and digestive diseases.

Who is responsible?

The Executive Director, Metro North Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Executive Director, Strategy Planning, Assets and Infrastructure will be the joint Executive project sponsors for this Strategy. The final Strategy will be approved by the Metro North Health Board.

Figure 1: Metro North Health Equity Strategy Governance structure



Where do I go for further information?

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