

Queensland sexual health strategy 2016–2021 - Draft

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Questions

Please indicate which category you identify with: Advocacy organisation

What is your age?

What is your gender?

Do you identify as belonging to any of the following communities? Choose all that apply.

In which region do you live? Greater Brisbane

Have you been directly involved in the development of the draft Queensland Sexual Health Strategy 2016 \u2013 2021? No

Please provide additional information if desired:

Does the vision statement actively reflect a clear goal for the Strategy for the next 5 years? Yes

If you answered no, please provide additional information:

Are the Priority Actions of this Strategy reflective of the needs of all Queenslanders and inclusive of identified priority population groups, and are they meaningful to you? Yes

If you answered no, please provide additional information:

Does the Strategy provide you with an improved understanding about sexual safety and sexual and reproductive health in Queensland? Yes

If you answered no, please indicate what else should be included:

How easy is it to understand and navigate the Strategy? Easy

Please provide additional information if desired:

Does the Strategy effectively highlight priority areas to improve health outcomes in Queensland? Yes

If you answered no, please provide additional information:

What key opportunities do you think the Strategy presents? Please comment on opportunities specific to you or your community. There is a section on partnerships on p.22 but no priority actions on engagement and consumers shaping services. We think it would be a very good opportunity for

the strategy to incorporate some priority actions which include:

1. A process of auditing and strengthening services' mechanisms of consumer and community engagement; and
2. Building capacity in consumers accessing or potentially accessing sexual health services in order to help shape those services at a systemic level.

Our organisation Health Consumers Queensland would be very happy as an organisation to assist with both of these actions.

What do you like most about the Strategy? The Strategy contains two issues our organisation (Health Consumers Queensland) has been hearing about from members of our network:

1. The need for increased access statewide to services for transgender/gender questioning children (priority action 6.5). Families report:

- * finding it hard to get referrals to appropriate services
- * a long wait list for services at the LCCH Gender Clinic (12 months+ to meet with the psychiatrist, another 6 months wait to meet with the endocrinologist and then another 6 month wait list to go back to psychiatrist before they can start treatment).
- * a gap in services for the 15-17 age group, with a focusing on pre-pubescent children. This has far reaching implications for the mental health of those 15-17 year olds.
- * the need for several regional public clinics, to meet the needs of children outside SEQ who can't easily travel/
- * the need to change Commonwealth law around cross-sex hormone therapy (Stage Two treatment) so that their children don't have to go through the Family Court for this treatment

2. The need for routine implementation across HHSs of the Maternity and Neonatal Clinical Guideline re access to therapeutic termination (6.7) - we are separately putting in a detailed submission to the Abortion Law Reform Inquiry on these issues.

Do you have a personal experience relevant to this Strategy you would like to share? No

If you answered yes, please provide additional information:

Do you consent to a small excerpt/quotation of your personal experience being included in the final Queensland Sexual Health Strategy?

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