Seeking Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parents

to join the

Growing Deadly Families Implementation Oversight Committee

**Closing date: 9am Friday 16 October 2020.**

We are happy to share that since the Growing Deadly Families a *healthy start for mums and bubs* forum in Brisbane on 3 August 2017, the [*Growing Deadly Families Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Maternity Services Strategy 2019–2025*](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0030/932880/Growing-Deadly-Families-Strategy.pdf) (Strategy) has been developed and launched.

The Strategy was guided by the voices of the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander mothers (consumers) at this forum and includes their three key priorities:

1. “We want a say in how maternity services are designed and delivered”
2. “We don’t want to keep telling our same story to different people”
3. “We want more of our people providing our maternity care”

We would like to invite you to apply to join the Growing Deadly Families Implementation Oversight Committee (GDFIOC), that will guide and monitor the implementation of the Strategy.

Lived experience from using maternal health services in Queensland, will help us meet the cultural, emotional, physical and spiritual needs of mothers, babies and their families and increase health outcomes and ensure culturally safe, positive experiences, making a difference to the future of our communities across the state.

Role of the Growing Deadly Families Implementation Oversight Committee (GDFIOC)

The GDFIOC will:

* have overall accountability for the Strategy’s implementation;
* provide leadership to ensure stakeholders are effectively engaged;
* ensure that the principles of co-design are adopted in achieving the Strategy’s goals; and
* provide a forum to address barriers to implementation and associated risks.

Your role

The successful consumer applicants will:

* Participate in the regular GDFIOC meetings and share experience and discuss thoughts and ideas.
* Participate in GDFIOC activities like reading papers before meetings, giving feedback and advice and attending meetings out of session with the GDFIOC secretariat.

Is this for you?

* Do you identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person?
* Have you used maternity services in Queensland in the last five years?
* Are you passionate about the best outcomes and experiences for mums, bubs and their families?

Time and location

Meetings will be held every three months (quarterly). The next meeting will be held on Friday 16 October from 10am-12pm.

Meetings will be held at 33 Charlotte Street Brisbane City 4000 QLD or by teleconference or Microsoft Teams video conference.

Remuneration and support

Consumers will be remunerated for their time in line with [Health Consumers Queensland’s remuneration position statement](http://www.hcq.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Consumer-Remuneration-Rates-Dec-2015.pdf).

$187 per meeting 4 hours and under \* $374 per meeting 4 hours and over \*

\*Covers pre-reading and travel time Parking and travel expenses will be covered.

The Growing Deadly Families team from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Division, Qld Health, leads the Strategy, provides GDFIOC secretariat support, provides consumer support and remuneration.

[Health Consumers Queensland](http://www.hcq.org.au/) is a GDFIOC member and supports consumers and health staff to work together to build a stronger health system. For more information see their [Consumer Guide.](http://www.hcq.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/HCQ_ConsumerGuide.pdf)

How to apply

**Please complete the application form below, and return to** growingdeadlyfamilies@health.qld.gov.auby **Friday 16 October 2020.**

For more information or help completing this form, please contact Health Consumers Queensland via consumer@hcq.org.au

**Application Form**

**Growing Deadly Families Implementation Oversight Committee**

Full name:

Phone number:

Email:

Postal address:

Postcode:

Do you identify as: Aboriginal | Torres Strait Islander | Both | Prefer not to state

Country/language group:

Age range: 16-24 25-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69 70+

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| **Gender:** | Female |  Male | Intersex | Other | Prefer not to state |

1. What is your experience with maternity services as a parent (consumer) as an Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander person and how could this help the committee?
2. **Please describe any connections you have to your community (networks, groups) and any that relate to maternal or child health?**
3. Why are in interested in better maternity health for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families?
4. If you have been a health consumer representative in the past, what have you been involved in? (committees, focus groups, surveys, forums)
5. Do you need any support to take part in this activity, if yes please describe? (support person, hearing loop, dietary requirements)