



Expressions of Interest are invited for consumers/carers to participate in Project User Groups for the Wentworth Health Service Redevelopment Project

About the Wentworth Health Service Redevelopment

In June 2021 the NSW Government committed \$30 million to redevelop the Wentworth Health Service.

The new contemporary health facility will improve the community's access to health services and deliver additional inpatient and community outpatient health services, reducing the need for residents to travel to Victoria to access services. The new hospital will provide a significant improvement on the current 80-year-old Wentworth District Hospital facility, which will be demolished after the new hospital is built.

In July 2022 it was announced that the existing hospital site overlooking the Darling River was the preferred site for the redevelopment. The master plan was also unveiled, showing how the site will accommodate the new facility, existing facilities such as accommodation, and key clinical connections between services. It outlined the vision for the new facility, which will include:

- an Inpatient Unit
- Primary Ambulatory Care (Community Health Services), and
- an Urgent Care Centre.

About the Project User Groups

The Wentworth Health Service Redevelopment has a strong commitment to stakeholder engagement in delivering community-focused health infrastructure, improving healthcare delivery and enhancing the overall patient experience. Meaningful engagement and collaboration are critical components of our work and embedded in the daily interactions we have with our consumers and the community.

Project User Groups (PUGs) play an important role both in our engagement approach and as part of the Wentworth Health Service Redevelopment's governance structure, bringing a diverse range of insights, views and opinions to planning and design processes and ensuring decision making is more accountable to consumers and the community.

PUGs are made up of members of the project team, clinical and non-clinical staff, consumers, and carers, and are responsible for developing the Functional Brief (how the facility will function) to ensure it is aligned with the endorsed Clinical Services Plan, local, area and state-wide operational policies and other Project parameters.

There are four Project User Groups for the Wentworth Health Service Redevelopment, and we are seeking consumer/carer representatives for the first three:

- **Inpatient Unit**
- **Urgent Care Centre**
- **Ambulatory Care/Community Health**
- Support Services (back-of-house)

Prerequisites and requirements

We are seeking consumers and/or carers to join one or more of the above PUGs who meet the following prerequisites:

- Reside in the Wentworth LGA catchment area
- Have used the Wentworth Health Service in the last two years
- Interested and committed to represent other consumers/carers in the design and delivery of the new hospital.

PUG members will be required to:

- Attend an Orientation /Onboarding information session (approx. 30 minutes)
- Commit to attend and participate in three or more face-to-face or virtual meetings per PUG, commencing in mid-October 2022. Each meeting is 1.5 – 2 hours in duration.

Please note consumer participation in PUGs is in a volunteer capacity – travel costs will be reimbursed where applicable.

Making an Expression of Interest

Expressions of Interest can be made by completing and submitting the application form by **5pm, Friday 7 October 2022**.

To obtain an application form please email HI-Wentworth@health.nsw.gov.au or phone (02) 9978 5432. Applicants will be advised whether they are successful or not by 12 October 2022.

Successful applicants may also be asked to attend an interview with a panel of relevant Wentworth Health Service Redevelopment staff and Project partner representatives.

All successful applicants must complete relevant mandatory criminal record and identification checks and sign the **NSW Health Code of Conduct** once all required checks have cleared.

For enquiries, please contact Wentworth Health Service Redevelopment on (02) 9978 5432.

We look forward to receiving your Expression of Interest.

For more information:

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