



THINK TANK ON SUSTAINABLE FUNDING OF PUBLIC HOSPITALS

15 September 2015, Mercure Brisbane

In an environment of increasing pressure on the funding of public hospitals, coupled with reform of the tax system and government responsibilities for the delivery of services, this Think Tank will explore options to achieve sustainable funding of public hospitals.

Timing	Overview
8:30am – 9:00am	Registration
9:00am – 9:10am	<p>Welcome and Overview</p> <p>Assoc Prof Paul Dugdale <i>Board Chair, Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association</i></p>
9:10am – 10:30am	<p>Financing of Public Hospitals – The Opportunity for Change</p> <p>The Reform of the Federation Discussion Paper has opened up conversation on a range of options for the financing of public hospitals including passing full responsibility for public hospitals to the states and territories or the Commonwealth funding a Hospitals Benefits Scheme. This session will consider how current reform processes, including tax reform, might serve as an opportunity for change.</p> <p>Dr Tony Sherbon, <i>Partner, Ernst and Young</i></p> <p>Panel Discussion</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Assoc Prof Paul Dugdale</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Anthony Scott, <i>Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, University of Melbourne</i> • Professor Nicholas Graves, <i>Queensland University of Technology</i> • Mr Mark Cormack, <i>Deputy Secretary, Strategic Policy and Innovation Group, Department of Health</i>
10:30am – 11:00am	Morning tea

11:00am – 12:15pm	<p>Towards an Integrated Care System: Individualised care packages, regional purchasing agencies and public hospitals</p> <p>Integrated care is a key concept described in the Reform of the Federation Discussion Paper, where options include funding individualised care packages for patients with or at risk of developing chronic or complex conditions; pooling of Commonwealth, States and Territories funding; and establishing regional agencies to purchase health services. How can such integrated models provide for more sustainable future funding?</p> <p>Ms Elizabeth Koff, A/Deputy Secretary, Strategy and Resources, NSW Department of Health</p> <p>Panel Discussion</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Mr Tom Symondson, Chief Executive Officer, Victorian Healthcare Association</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Suzanne Greenwood, Chief Executive Officer, Catholic Health Australia • Mr Mark Tucker-Evans, Chair, Health Consumers Queensland • Professor Mike Woods, Centre for Health Economics Research and Evaluation, UTS
12:15pm – 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm – 1:25pm	<p>A view on the current state of public hospital funding and the IHPA's role into the future</p> <p>Mr James Downie, Acting CEO, Independent Hospital Pricing Authority</p>
1:25pm – 2:55pm	<p>Financial incentives for cooperation across sectors: sharing gains from avoided preventable hospitalisations, reduced delayed discharges and other coordinated measures</p> <p>Preventable hospitalisations are recognised as a key way to reduce hospital costs, however they require spending in the primary health sector and cooperation across sectors. How can our limited health funds be best spent and savings shared in a more coordinated manner to achieve the best outcomes for patients and the health budget?</p> <p>Dr Stephen Duckett, Health Program Director, Grattan Institute</p> <p>Case Study: GP Care in Aged Care Facilities to Reduce Preventable Hospitalisations</p> <p>Dr Daniel Valle Gracia, Medical Services Director, Bupa Aged Care</p> <p>Panel Discussion</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Ms Susan Killion, Director, Deeble Institute for Health Policy Research</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Sue Matthews, Chief Executive Officer, The Royal Women's Hospital, Victoria • Professor Julie Byles, Director, Research Centre for Gender, Health and Ageing, University of Newcastle
2:55pm – 3:00pm	<p>Summation</p> <p>Assoc Prof Paul Dugdale</p>
3:00pm – 3:30pm	Afternoon Tea
3:30pm – 4:30pm	AHHA AGM
4:30pm	Close

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