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Fuel for Advocacy

Mapping the Value of Health Libraries

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Northern Health acknowledges the rich Aboriginal heritage of this country and acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which our health services are built, the Wurundjeri Willum Clan and Taungurung People.

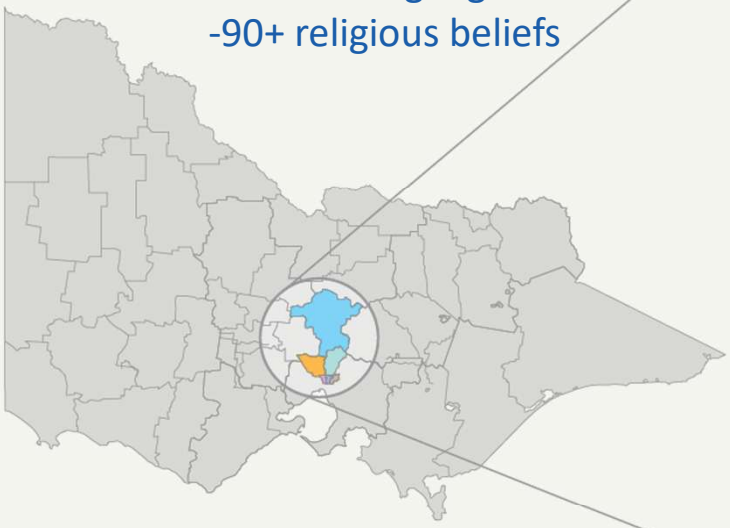
We acknowledge the waterways, the land, the sky and all who inhabit this place we call – Country.

We pay respect and acknowledge their ancestors and Elders, past, present and future, we recognise those who continue to protect and promote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.



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-9,000+ staff
-6,000+ EFT
-16 sites
-185 countries
-100+ languages
-90+ religious beliefs





Hospital
MH Services

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The spark: A framework already existed

LOGO

Evidence review requests	Current project	Scheduled	Delivered
Current evidence literature search			
Purchase point-of-care tools			
Resource procurement			
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Education and literacy training			
Quality project contribution			
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Action 1.27 (b)	developed by ACSQHS		

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Evidence Category	Definition	Examples
Evidence Retrieval & Access	Locating and delivering targeted evidence and resources on request.	Literature searches (search reports, live, rapid)
		Abstract/article supply (e.g. for journal clubs)
		Document delivery / interlibrary loans
		Access facilitation (link resolver, proxy troubleshooting)
Evidence Synthesis & Briefings	Curating, summarising, and packaging evidence for decision-making.	Evidence briefings (alerts, reports, summaries)
		Monthly distribution of curated EB article abstracts
		Evidence maps or comparative tables
		Plain language summaries
Resource & Tool Management	Ensuring access to high-quality information resources.	Procurement and renewal of databases, journals, books
		Evaluation and purchase of point-of-care tools
		Usage analysis and collection development
		Troubleshooting access issues
Education & Literacy Training	Building staff and student capability in evidence-based practice.	Information literacy sessions (searching, referencing, critical appraisal)
		EBP training for clinicians and students
		Journal club training and facilitation
		Orientation for new staff; Communicating knowledge; raising awareness
Quality Improvement Contribution	Embedding evidence into service improvement and safety initiatives	Evidence for guideline or policy development/review
		Support for audits, accreditation, and risk management
		Evidence for service redesign or models of care
		Contributions to safety briefs or reviews
Research Enablement	Supporting high-quality research design, funding, and dissemination.	Evidence for research protocols, ethics submissions, grant applications
		Support for systematic/scoping reviews
		Contribution to publications (search strategies, referencing)
		Dissemination through repositories or alerts
Consumer & Partner Collaboration	Making evidence accessible and meaningful for consumers and partners.	Resource packs and guides for Consumer Partners
		Plain-language resources for patients and communities
		Collaboration with Consumer Partners on projects
		Co-design of health literacy resources

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Evidence Category	Activity code	Impact Layer
Evidence Retrieval & Access	ERA	Enabling
Resource & Tool Management	RTM	Enabling
Education & Literacy Training	ELT	Capability
Consumer & Partner Collaboration	CPC	Capability
Evidence Synthesis & Briefings	ESB	Embedding
Quality Improvement Contribution	QIC	Embedding
Research Enablement	RE	Embedding

Enabling – we provide the foundation/access that makes other work possible

Capability – we build the knowledge, skills or confidence of others

Embedding – the Library's contribution becomes integrated into NH processes, practice or decision-making

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The activities

Evidence Synthesis & Briefings	Aboriginal patient outcomes (improvements) as a result of Aboriginal identification within the hospital setting	Apr-25	Action 1.02; 1.04; 1.33	ESB	1	Embedding
Quality Improvement Contribution	What job stress/burnout or joy in work interventions have been used to support healthcare worker wellbeing (most interested in Australian health services and the last 10 years but also interested in international context)	Aug-24	Action 1.08 (a)	QIC	1	Embedding
Evidence Retrieval & Access	community mental health service/outpatient follow up of former forensic psychiatric patients (patients who have been discharged from forensic services and legal system)	Sep-24	Action 1.08 (a)	ERA	1	Enabling

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NSQHS Standards Accreditation: Library Summary Action Report

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Standard 3	51	0	104	155
Standard 4	62	2	153	217
Standard 5	188	0	285	473
Standard 6	33	0	56	89
Standard 7	4	0	11	15
Standard 8	59	0	117	176
Total NSQHS Contributions	643	92	1513	2248

Standard	ERA	RTM	ELT	CPC	ESB	QIC	RE	Total
Standard 1	165	17	15	0	110	350	165	822
Standard 2	61	3	0	75	54	64	44	301
Standard 3	51	0	0	0	1	57	46	155
Standard 4	54	8	2	0	1	75	77	217
Standard 5	188	0	0	0	13	140	132	473
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Capture the contribution

Connect it to the Standards

Communicate the evidence

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