Fact Sheet

Functions of Local Health Network Governing Councils

The Governing Councils are established to:

(a) advise the Local Health Network on effective clinical and corporate governance frameworks to support the maintenance and improvement of standards of patient care and services by the Local Health Network;

(b) advise on systems:
   i. to support the efficient and economic operation of the Local Health Network; and
   ii. to ensure the Local Health Network manages its budget to ensure performance targets are met; and
   iii. to ensure that the Local Health Network’s resources are applied equitably to meet the needs of the community served by the network;

(c) advise on strategic plans to guide the delivery of services for the Local Health Network;

(d) provide strategic oversight of and monitor the Local Health Network’s financial and operational performance in accordance with any performance measures in the performance agreement for the Local Health Network;

(e) make recommendations to the Chief Executive for the appointment of the Chief Executive Officer and, where it considers it appropriate to do so, to make recommendations concerning the removal of the Chief Executive Officer;

(f) confer with the Chief Executive Officer in connection with the operational performance targets and performance measures to be negotiated pursuant to the service agreement for the Local Health Network;

(g) advise on the service agreement for the Local Health Network;

(h) seek the views of providers and consumers of health services, and of other members of the community served by the Local Health Network, as to the network’s policies, plans and initiatives for the provision of health services, and to confer with the Chief Executive Officer on how to support, encourage and facilitate community and clinician involvement in the planning of network services;

(i) promote the Local Health Network’s policies, plans and initiatives to providers, consumers of health services and other members of the community;

(j) endorse the Local Health Network’s annual report;

(k) liaise with the governing councils of other Local Health Networks in relation to both local and state-wide initiatives for the provision of health services;

(l) perform such other functions as are conferred or imposed on it by the regulations.