

Working with general practice: DHS position statement

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DHS vision

A strengthened collaborative interface between the Department of Human Services, State-funded services and general practice, resulting in integrated service delivery and better health outcomes for Victorians.

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The draft statement

- Formal acknowledgement of the importance and relevance of general practice to Vic health system
- Divisions assist with aligning Commonwealth and State strategies
- Helps DHS and agencies to understand the impact of a different structure and funding system
- Guidance for DHS and funded agencies about how to work with general practice and divisions
- Primary Health Branch
- → whole of department

Input to DHS consultation

- Is this how you want general practice and divisions described?
- Any other key messages about general practice or working with divisions?

Next steps

The ongoing challenge for the Department is to translate the DHS position into successful collaboration with general practice.

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That's the challenge for all of us.



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Today's tasks

- Possible improvements to the paper
- How to take advantage of the opportunities
- DHS is ready to work with general practice. What do divisions want to work on?