



Hospital and health workforce reform

The Victorian Government is taking action in partnership with the Commonwealth by contributing \$107.6 million to deliver reforms and improvements to the health and hospital sector as part of the National Partnership Agreement on Hospital and Health Workforce Reform.

Activity based funding

A total of \$35.4 million over four years will fund Victoria's commitment to introducing a nationally consistent activity based funding approach to improve efficiency in public hospitals. This will include capturing consistent and detailed information on hospital sector activity, accurately measuring the costs of service delivery, and creating an explicit relationship between funds allocated and services provided. This funding builds on Victoria's success using the Casemix system for hospital activity based funding.

Securing our health workforce

This investment of \$72.21 million over four years will meet the Victorian National Partnership contribution to health workforce reform, and also support two additional initiatives to increase workforce supply and retention. This investment will increase efficiency of pathways into the health workforce; boost the size and distribution of the workforce through more competitive recruitment and retention initiatives, and increase workforce and training capacity.

This investment will enable implementation of:

- a national registration and accreditation scheme for health professionals (\$240,000)
- initiatives to support the growth in clinical education requirements for medical, nursing and allied health students (\$70.12 million)
- an international medical graduate 'one stop shop' service and incentive packages (\$1.5 million)
- an attractive employer model resource to support employers to improve recruitment and retention of health workers (\$350,000).

This important investment in Victoria's health workforce will support clinical training places each year for over 4,500 medical students, over 12,000 nursing students, over 600 dental students and almost 6,500 allied health students in Victoria.

Sub-acute services and taking the pressure of public hospitals

Funding has also been included in the sustaining health services capacity initiative to enhance the provision of sub-acute services and take the pressure off public hospitals. Sub-acute care funding will enable expansion of sub-acute care services by five per cent each year over four years. Additional funding for the Taking the Pressure off Public Hospitals element will support the delivery of emergency department services and to invest in efficiency improvements.