

Close the Gap for Vision by 2020

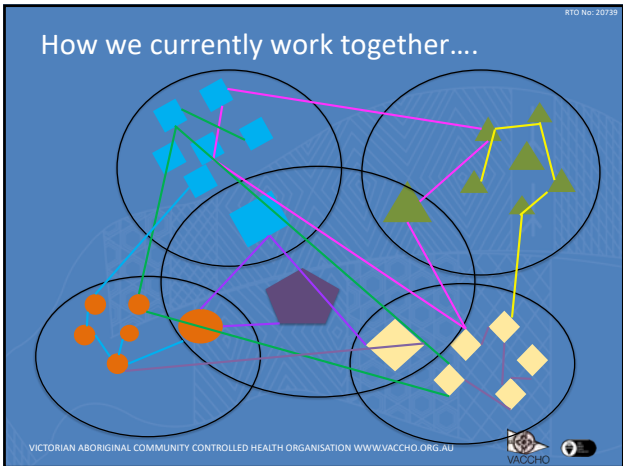
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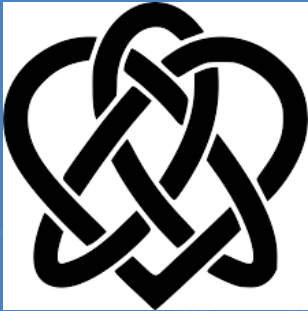
Levi Lovett, Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health
Organisation, VIC

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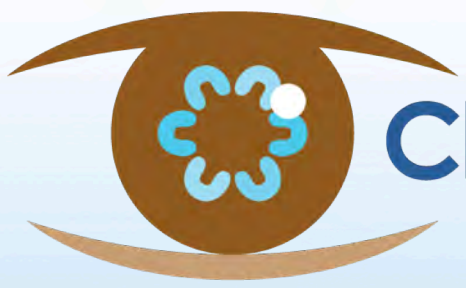
How we want to work together....



- What could be done to make this even more part of how we do our work?
- How can our systems, processes, infrastructure support this?

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Claire O'Neill, Rural Doctors Network, NSW

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Coordinating Regional Eye Care Activity through the Fundholder and Statewide Committee



NSW RDN Outreach Programs

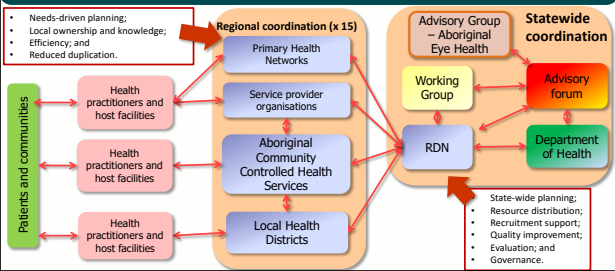
RHOF Rural Health Outreach Fund	MOICDP Medical Outreach Indigenous Chronic Disease Program	HEBHBL Healthy Ears Better Hearing Better Listening	VOS Visiting Optometrist Scheme	Coordination of Indigenous Eye Health Activity	EESSS Ear and Eye Surgical Support Service
Supports multi-disciplinary health services to regional, rural and remote NSW	Supports multi-disciplinary health services to Aboriginal communities	Supports ear health services to Aboriginal youth (0-21)	Supports optometry services to regional, rural and remote NSW and Aboriginal communities	Aims to improve the coordination of eye health services to improve access for Aboriginal people.	New in 2017 Aims to expedite access to surgical interventions for Aboriginal patients
(ASGC-RA 2-5) Funded to June 2020	(ASGC-RA 1-5) Funded to June 2020	(ASGC-RA 1-5) Funded to June 2018	(ASGC-RA 1'-5) * 1 - for Aboriginal communities only Funded to June 2020	Funded to June 2019	(ASGC-RA 1-5, Aboriginal communities only) Funded to June 2020

Definition of an outreach service: One or more health practitioner(s) providing clinics to a specific town at a scheduled frequency, e.g. an endocrinologist providing eleven, one-day clinics at Bourke.
RDN's Outreach Program is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health

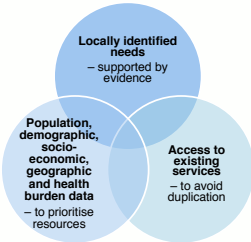
Advisory Group – Aboriginal Eye Health Member Organisations

- Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of NSW
- Agency of Clinical Innovation – Ophthalmology Network
- Brien Holden Vision Institute
- Centre for Aboriginal Health (NSW Ministry of Health)
- Department of Health (NSW State Office)
- NSW/ACT PHN Aboriginal Health Network
- NSW Rural Doctors Network
- OneSight
- Optometry NSW
- Outback Eye Service
- Royal Australia and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists
- Vision Australia (NSW Spectacle Program)
- VOS Optometrists
- Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service (ACT)

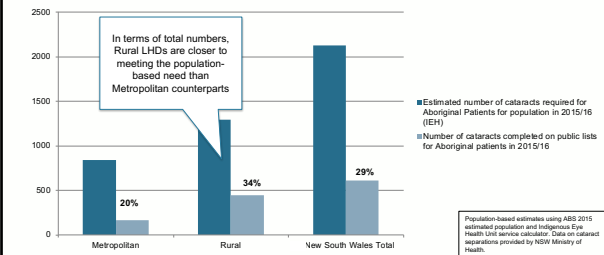
Outreach planning and governance



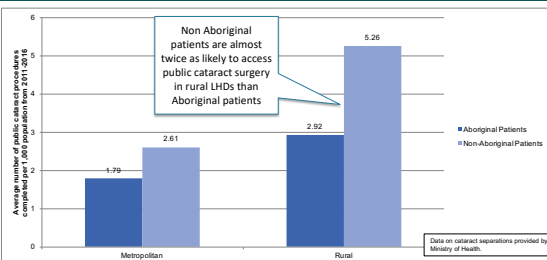
How does RDN identify and prioritise needs



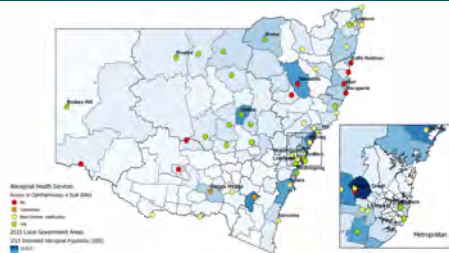
Access to public cataract surgery compared to population based estimate of need



Equity of access to public cataract surgery



Aboriginal Health Services in NSW – perceived access to bulk billing ophthalmology consultations (May 2017)



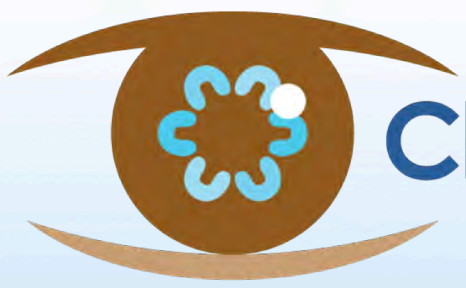
EESSS - Needs Assessment Responses

Please explain the barriers to access to ophthalmology procedures:

Ophthalmologist ^{Support} Required ^{Community}
Access ^{Pls need to Travel} Surgery ^{skipped}
Bulk Billing ^{Health} Public ^{Unsure}
Ophthalmology Specialists
Limited ^{Arrangement} Private

Examples – good news stories from regional partnerships





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Associate Professor Angus Turner, Lion's Outback Vision, WA

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A success story: Telehealth



Angus Turner
Lions Eye Institute



The West Australian

Friday, March 6, 2015 \$1.70

EXCLUSIVE

WAITING A YEAR TO SEE A DOCTOR

80,000 patients in queue to see specialists

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Waiting therapy
Helen O'Brien

Against all odds, West Australians are waiting to see a public hospital specialist to find out if they need surgery, with an average waiting time of more than a year at Perth.

For surgery, those that sit at the end of the queue – that year, 76,517 patients were waiting for their first appointment.

That number is expected to rise, as 14 per cent more live in the remote bush.

GP's constantly refer patients who have been waiting for a long time to see a specialist.

Those 80,000 people – the average surgical waitlist – were seen by Perth's hospitals in 2014, waiting an average of 13 months.

The waiting list at PHU is staggering, with 20,000 patients waiting to see a specialist, with 10,000 waiting to see a specialist.



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Original Article

Are cataract surgery referrals to public hospitals in Australia poorly targeted?

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ABSTRACT

Importance: Referral letters constitute the first step on the pathway to cataract surgery; however, little is known on how effective referral letters are in providing adequate information to triage patients

predictors being hospital-recorded visual acuity and grading of cataract ($P < 0.0001$). Referral content lacked sufficient detail to apply prioritization tools developed in other settings.

Conclusion and Relevance: This audit highlights

