

NSW Health Services Functional Area Supporting Plan (NSW HEALTHPLAN)

Summary The NSW Health Services Functional Area Supporting Plan (NSW HEALTHPLAN) describes the strategic emergency management arrangements for providing health services and resources to emergency management in NSW.

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Corporate Administration - Governance
Personnel/Workforce - Workforce planning
Population Health - Disaster management

Applies to Ministry of Health, Public Health Units, Local Health Districts, Board Governed Statutory Health Corporations, Chief Executive Governed Statutory Health Corporations, Specialty Network Governed Statutory Health Corporations, Affiliated Health Organisations, NSW Health Pathology, Public Health System Support Division, Cancer Institute, Government Medical Officers, Community Health Centres, NSW Ambulance Service, Dental Schools and Clinics, Public Hospitals, Environmental Health Officers of Local Councils

Distributed to Ministry of Health, Public Health System, Divisions of General Practice, Government Medical Officers, NSW Ambulance Service, Environmental Health Officers of Local Councils, Private Hospitals and Day Procedure Centres, Health Associations Unions, Tertiary Education Institutes

Audience NSW Government and organisations within the emergency management sector, including non-government organisations (NGOs) and community groups with a significant role in emergency management. ;Chief Executives of statewide health services, shared services, local health districts, specialty networks and pillar organisations.

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Policy Statement

NSW Health is committed to playing its part in state and national emergency management. The [NSW Health Services Functional Area Supporting Plan \(NSW HEALTHPLAN\)](#) describes NSW Health's role in the strategic emergency management arrangements for providing health services and resources to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies in NSW.

Summary of Policy Requirements

Mandatory requirements

NSW Health will meet its obligations under the NSW State Emergency Management Plan ([EMPLAN](#)) via the NSW HEALTHPLAN.

The NSW HEALTHPLAN is the NSW Health Services Functional Area Supporting Plan to the EMPLAN developed pursuant to the [State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989](#) (NSW).

The NSW HEALTHPLAN:

- Outlines how the Health Services Functional Area support Combat Agencies or other Functional Areas during emergency operations.
- Details the governance arrangements for emergency management in NSW Health.
- Describes the coordination of government agencies, non-government organisations (NGOs) and the private sector to provide key health services before, during and after an emergency.
- Outlines the agreed roles and responsibilities of the agencies, organisations and businesses across the emergency prevention, preparation, response and recovery cycle.
- Provides a description of the major contributing health service components (Ambulance Services, Public Health Services, HealthShare NSW, eHealth NSW, NSW Health Pathology, Clinical Services, Mental Health Services, Health Communications, Paediatric Services, Health Infrastructure and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations) that the Health Services Functional Area may access and services provided during an emergency event.

The NSW HEALTHPLAN does not articulate the emergency management arrangements when NSW Health is the Combat Agency. The arrangements for NSW Health's role as a

Combat Agency for human health emergencies and pandemic are outlined in the [NSW Human Influenza Pandemic Plan](#).

The principal position holder for health emergency management is the State Health Services Functional Area Coordinator (State HSFAC) who is contactable on a 24-hour basis.

Revision History

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