



# Health Needs Assessment Key Priorities Summary »2022-24



	Priority title	Department of Health priority area	Expected outcome/identified need
First Nations Health	Maternal and child health for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health	Improved delivery of maternal and postnatal primary care services
	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander early intervention and prevention for maternity and postnatal care	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health	Improve prevention, promotion and early intervention for maternity and postnatal care to achieve equity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mothers and babies
	Aboriginal and Torres Strait early intervention and prevention for improved sexual health	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health	Support prevention, promotion and early intervention for sexual health and reduction of STIs in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
	Health Equity for Northern Queensland Primary Health Network (NQPHN)	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health	Make progress towards health equity with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
	Integrated team care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living with chronic conditions	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health	Support the delivery of integrated team care to improve the management of chronic conditions
	Partnering for better access to drug and alcohol services for Indigenous Australians	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health	Work with partners to support delivery of mental health and drug and alcohol services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
	Social and emotional wellbeing for Indigenous Australians	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health	Support social and emotional wellbeing for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
	Access to mental health, alcohol and other drug services for Indigenous Australians	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health	Increase availability of mental health, alcohol and other drug information and treatment services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people




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GPs and other Primary Care Professionals	Strengthen primary care workforce improving safety and quality of care	Health Workforce	Build primary care workforce capacity and capability
	Strengthen and stabilise North Queensland's primary health care workforce	Population Health	Build primary care workforce capacity and capability
	Safe and culturally appropriate care in primary health	Health Workforce	Improve the cultural safety of mainstream primary care
	Workforce pathways for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	Health Workforce	Build workforce capacity and capability of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health professionals
	Improved access to healthcare for our Torres and Cape population	Health Workforce	Increase primary care service continuity in the Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Services (HHS)
	Support workforce to delivery safe and appropriate care	Health Workforce	Improve the cultural safety of mainstream services
	Supporting greater treatment capacity across the NQPHN Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) sector	Alcohol and Other Drugs	Build the capacity of the AOD treatment sector




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Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drugs	Review of mental health stepped care for NQPHN	Mental Health	Implement our mental health stepped care model
	Supporting community-based suicide prevention	Mental Health	Support community-based suicide prevention
	Improving access to mental health services for young people living in North Queensland	Mental Health	Improve access to mental health services for young people
	Improving continuity of care from primary care to specialist AOD services	Alcohol and Other Drugs	Better integration of specialist AOD services with primary care services



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Population Health	Evidence-based commissioning for chronic conditions	Population Health	Equitable, evidence-based resource allocation decisions
	Evidence-based primary care commissioning for priority populations	Population Health	Commission services that address significant primary care needs and affect priority populations
	Improving access to primary care services after-hours	Population Health	Support after-hours primary care service delivery
	Joint regional planning for improved health outcomes in North Queensland	Population Health	Undertake joint regional planning to improve system integration
	Preventative screening for reducing chronic disease	Population Health	Increase cancer screening and address biomedical risk factors for chronic diseases
	Health innovation through partnerships	Population Health	Work with partners to plan, co-commission and deliver innovative models of service delivery



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System Integration	Health continuity through system and data integration	Digital Health	Enable health information continuity between providers
	Build health intelligence through data insights and integration	Digital Health	Enhance health intelligence capabilities
	Improve the use of risk factors for early intervention and prevention	Digital Health	Support primary care providers in assessing and managing health risk factors
	Increase digital maturity and data intelligence of our primary healthcare providers	Digital Health	Support primary care providers to deliver care that is evidence-based
	Utilising data for improved health outcomes for Northern Queensland	Digital Health	Collect, analyse, and share health data to improve health outcomes
	Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) for chronic condition management	Digital Health	Work with HHSs and primary care providers to support CQI in managing priority chronic conditions
	Promote digital adoption for patient healthcare integration	Digital Health	Improve secure data sharing, referral pathways and shared electronic health record adoption
	Improving integration across primary care services for AOD	Alcohol and Other Drugs	Improve AOD data collection and transfer between services

### References

[Northern Queensland Primary Health Network Health Needs Assessment 2022-24](#)

[Northern Queensland Primary Health Network Strategic Plan 2021-26](#)

[Australian Government Department of Health - PHN key priority areas](#)