



Aims of the Forum

To contribute to developing the role of proposed PHCOs in service planning and coordination by:

- assisting participants to formulate their views about PHCOs and discuss these with each other
- Identifying areas of consensus and issues where further consideration is needed
- disseminating the outcomes of the meeting



Program

- 10.10 Two perspectives of the roles of PHCOs
- 10.30 Plenary discussion
- 10.50 Overview of PHCOs and their development
- 11.00 Case studies: New Zealand/Australia
- 12.30 Lunch
- 1.00 Case study: Scotland
- 1.45 Panel session and plenary discussion
- 2.30 Small groups
- 3.00 Feedback, discussion, consensus testing
- 3.50 Final remarks
- 4.00 Finish



Who is attending today?

- DoHA
- State/territory health
- Community health/Area Health Services
- Divisions/SBOs/ADGP
- Peak bodies
- National PHC bodies
- Universities

PHC Strategy

- A new structure of Regional Primary Health Care Organisations... responsible for a wide range of primary health care services in a region ...
- Responsibilities ...could range from planning and coordinating services to allocating resources for health service delivery....
- responsive and accountable to the local community ... could include representation of patients and providers.

NHHRC

- Service coordination and population health planning priorities should be enhanced at the local level through the establishment of Primary Health Care Organisations... These organisations will need to:
 - have appropriate governance to reflect the diversity of clinicians and services forming comprehensive primary health care;
 - be of an appropriate size to provide efficient and effective coordination and
 - meet required criteria and goals to receive ongoing Commonwealth funding support.

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Small groups: assumptions

- The core purpose of PHCOs is to improve access to well coordinated primary health care services
- They are designed around natural communities and are of a size to allow a full range of PHC services
 - 200-250,000 in cities
 - Smaller in rural and remote areas

Small group topics

- Responsibilities (facilitating, purchasing, providing)
- Accountability (government, community, health care providers)
- Improving access for whom (enrolled, full population)
- Range of services to include