



KEY MESSAGES

The Loddon Mallee community is serviced by a number of health services working together to ensure the community receives the right care in the right place.

The health services within the region work together to ensure every hospital is safe, sustainable and providing the most appropriate services for patients based on the skill mix of the staff and the physical infrastructure of each hospital.

You will not always be cared for by the closest hospital but you will be cared for by the hospital with the best skills and equipment to provide that care.

The Loddon Mallee Health Network is an unincorporated joint venture governed by a Board of CEO's of public hospitals from the Loddon Mallee region as outlined in the Joint Venture Agreement.

The Loddon Mallee Health Network is a voluntary arrangement and is not a proxy for amalgamations or mergers.

LMHN STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The Network launched a regional plan in 2020 and has employed a General Manager to execute it.

There are four strategic priorities, all underpinned by the shared vision of consumers and communities having a great health care experience throughout the region.

1 Region-wide service & workforce planning	Be a community that health care professionals want to be part of. Provide aged care our community is proud of. Provide mental health care our community is proud of. Provide acute care our community is proud of.
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KEY MESSAGES – STRAT PRIORITY 1:

- We will not plan as standalone services. When we plan together it will be a better use of our limited resources and help us meet the needs of our local communities.
- By sharing our expertise we can create great workplaces where staff are supported to deliver the very best care and services.

2 Central Functions & Shared Services	Share services and centralise core functions. Use technology in new ways. Manage and reduce our waste .
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KEY MESSAGES – STRAT PRIORITY 2:

- We will protect local jobs.
- Functions and services will be planned with the aim to strengthen service delivery, increase quality & safety and improve consumer and workforce experience.

- Centralising does not mean a service or function will be run from the regional or larger hospital. The network will determine the best location to address the region's needs.
- New ways of working will create new opportunities for staff and will focus on supporting individuals and organisations through any change.

3 Local Solutions

Harness **local assets** to improve health outcomes for our **consumers**.

KEY MESSAGES – STRAT PRIORITY 3:

- We recognise that each health service understands their local community needs best.
- We will share the unique ways we work that have led to better care and service delivery.

4 Quality, Safety & Patient Experience

Adopt the **safest processes** and **practices**.
Deliver **culturally safe** services.

KEY MESSAGES – STRAT PRIORITY 4:

- We will strive to standardise our practices when the evidence shows that it will improve our care and services.
- We acknowledge that cultural safety is everyone's responsibility and will support each other to achieve this.

**Workforce includes paid and unpaid ie. Volunteers and auxiliaries.*