

HEALTH SERVICES ACT 1997

CLINICAL EXCELLENCE COMMISSION

DETERMINATION OF ROLE AND FUNCTIONS OF STATUTORY HEALTH CORPORATION

Pursuant to section 53 of the Health Services Act 1997, I, Ryan Park, Minister for Health and Minister for Regional Health, do hereby determine, in addition to those functions set out in section 12 of the Health Services Act, the following role and functions for the Clinical Excellence Commission:

1. Role

The primary role of the Clinical Excellence Commission (the CEC) is to lead, actively monitor and drive health system safety and effective clinical governance by:

- Embedding and maturing a NSW health safety system model.
- Strategically partnering with NSW health entities, health consumers, citizens, academic institutions, and industry partners to foster safe care and reduce avoidable harm.
- Monitoring, predicting and responding to system patient safety issues, including the impact of emerging technologies and disciplines.
- Providing leadership of clinical governance systems, processes and functions across NSW Health organisations.
- Leading development and coproduction of evidence-based statewide patient safety priority initiatives.

The CEC is committed to continuously improving patient safety and health outcomes across the NSW Health system including closing the gap for Aboriginal people.

2. Functions

The functions of the CEC are to:

- (a) Provide clinical governance leadership and independent patient safety assurance advice.
- (b) Develop, support implementation, and evaluate strategy, policy and initiatives related to improvements in patient safety.
- (c) Promote and support safety improvement and education and training for safety, with a focus on building resilient healthcare systems and processes that improve patient safety, reduce avoidable harm, build safety capability and deliver high-value care.
- (d) Identify and disseminate information about key clinical safety risks and harm events, with a focus on prevention, early identification and response, building safety capability and safety systems capacity and the sharing of learnings in collaboration with relevant partners, including bi-annual incident reporting.
- (e) Build and support effective leadership and care environments for patient safety through collaboration, capability development and fostering a safety culture.

- (f) Provide advice, identify priorities and/or collaborate on patient safety research to support improvement and innovation in patient safety.
- (g) Lead a systems approach to the review of adverse clinical incidents and develop strategies in response to the most serious incidents including (but not limited to):
 - i. coordinating responses to specific incidents with system or statewide implications; and
 - ii. providing advice to the NSW Ministry of Health, Chief Health Officer, Deputy Secretary, System Sustainability and Performance, NSW Health Secretary and Minister's Office on urgent or emergent patient and staff safety issues.
- (h) Monitor and support effective implementation of the Australian Health Service Safety and Quality Accreditation Scheme in NSW Health facilities.
- (i) Provide leadership in safety, assurance, governance or policy for statewide initiatives including, but not limited to, medication and medical device safety, infection prevention and control.
- (j) Lead, develop, manage, and subsequently provide, the Ministry of Health and NSW public health organisations with timely patient safety data to support proactive monitoring, reporting and safety improvement.
- (k) Provide relevant expertise to statewide health system responses including the NSW Pandemic and disaster management plans.
- (l) Develop strategic and operational plans that align activities and priorities of the CEC to the priorities and timelines of relevant NSW Health plans, and work in accordance with these plans and the annual performance agreement with the NSW Health Secretary.

This Determination repeals and replaces the previous determination of functions made in respect of the CEC dated 13 July 2012.

Dated at Sydney this ¹²..... day of ^{July}..... 2024


Minister for Health and Minister for Regional Health