



Health Consumer Network

Terms of Reference and Guidelines for Members

The Terms of Reference of the Health Consumer Network are to:

- improve communication between consumers and the Division.
- broaden the understanding of general practitioners of the health care needs of patients;
- provide a mechanism for nomination of consumer representatives to program reference groups and working groups of the Division as appropriate;
- provide a mechanism for nomination of a consumer representative to the Division's Board of Directors.

Operational Guidelines of the Health Consumer Network

- Membership of the Health Consumer Network is open to groups/organisations who represent the interests and concerns of health care consumers in southern Tasmania;
- The Division may also invite a number of individual health consumers to join the Health Consumer Network from time to time;
- Network members will be invited to meet twice yearly in Consumer Network Forums to provide opportunity for more focussed discussion on consumer health issues of strategic importance to the Division.
- The Division will provide Network members with regular information updates containing news of our Division's activities as well as news from other Divisions of General Practice around the country.
- The Division will encourage and invite Network members to raise issues and comment on aspects of general practice that are important to them. In addition to this, the Division will seek Network members' views from time to time on key questions which will help guide the Division's planning and service delivery.