



APHA Vital Signs

A WEEKLY ROUND-UP OF NEWS VITAL TO THE PRIVATE HOSPITAL INDUSTRY

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2012 Mental Health Week comes to a close

Nearly 200 private hospitals around the country have marked Mental Health Week with displays, staff events, community talks, ad campaigns and many more activities. APHA has been proud to coordinate and provide campaign materials for hospitals this past week and have had lots of people check out our Facebook page and quiz. Our Mental Health Week Facebook advertising was seen by more than 400,000 people across Australia in just one week.

If you'd like to see our wrap up of the week on the APHA website, listen to audio interviews or view the Mental Health Week video, go to <http://www.apha.org.au/media-centre/mental-health-week-2012/>.

If you'd like to check out our Facebook quizzes to see what you know about Mental Health, visit: http://www.facebook.com/valuingprivatehospitals/app_414377551953445

\$6.3 billion spent on mental health services in 2009-10

Over \$6.3 billion, or \$287 per Australian, was spent on mental health-related services in 2009– 10, according to a report released last week by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

The report, Mental health services: in brief 2012, summarises new information on the AIHW's interactive Mental Health Services in Australia website including mental health-related expenditure, facilities, hospitalisations and prescriptions.

The updated information and report have been released to coincide with today's World Mental Health Day. For full report visit: <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail/?id=10737423078>

Mental Health Workforce Advisory Committee - Revision of the National Practice Standards for the Mental Health Workforce.

Consultation sessions to review the Practice Standards are being held throughout October in each state and territory.

Registration for Practice Standards consultation sessions is essential and can be completed online by going to: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Mental_Health_Consultation

Anyone with questions about the Practice Standards review consultation sessions is asked to contact Precision Consultancy on (03) 9606 0118 or info@precisionconsultancy.com.au

If you have a question or concern that you would like APHA to raise on your behalf please contact Lucy Cheetham, Director Policy and Research. lucy.cheetham@apha.org.au

Safety and Quality Improvement Guides and Accreditation Workbooks now available online

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (the Commission) has finalised the resources that it developed to assist health service organisations to implement the National

Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards. These resources include:

1. Safety and Quality Improvement Guides

The Commission has developed Safety and Quality Improvement Guides (the Guides) for each of the 10 NSQHS Standards. These Guides are designed to assist health service organisations to align their quality improvement programs using the framework of the NSQHS Standards.

The Guides are primarily intended for use by people who are responsible for a part or whole of a health service organisation.

2. Accreditation Workbooks

Two Accreditation Workbooks, one each for hospitals and day procedure services, that focus on the processes of accreditation and: outline the key steps in an accreditation process provide examples of evidence that could be used to demonstrate the NSQHS Standards have been met.

The Workbooks are designed for use by individuals in health service organisations who are responsible for coordinating accreditation processes.

These resources are available to download from the Commission's website at <http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/our-work/accreditation/nsqhss/safety-and-quality-improvement-guides-and-accreditation-workbooks/>

A complete set of documents will be sent to all health service organisations in the coming weeks.

Submission sent to IHPA

APHA has responded to the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority's Consultation Paper for the Pricing Framework for Australian Public Hospital Services 2013-14 (31 August 2012) <http://ihpa.gov.au/internet/ihpa/publishing.nsf> . Key issues raised include:

- Private patients in public hospitals
- Funding for teaching, training and research activities
- Application of ABF to mental health, and
- Pricing for safety and quality.

On the Radar - Issue 100

On the Radar is a summary of some of the recent publications in the areas of safety and quality in health care. Some of this week's content includes:

Improving patient handovers from hospital to primary care: a systematic review

Improving Teamwork on General Medical Units: When Teams Do Not Work Face-to-Face

The Cancer Patient Experiences Questionnaire (CPEQ): reliability and construct validity following a national survey to assess hospital cancer care from the patient perspective

Standardized patient identification and specimen labeling: A retrospective analysis on improving patient safety

On the Radar is available via email or as a PDF document from <http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-resources/on-the-radar/>