

Local Health Network Accreditation Report



Whyalla Hospital and Health Service Country Health SA Local Health Network

Accreditation Report Details

Date of Visit:	21 August, 2018
Date approved by SA MET Health Advisory Council:	29 October, 2018
Expiry Date:	31 December, 2019

Accreditation Decision

1 year, (1 January to 31 December, 2019) with 18 provisos
Accreditation revisit in **September 2019**

Executive Summary

Whyalla Hospital and Health Service (WHHS) is part of the Eyre Peninsula and Western Hospitals and Health Services, under the auspice of Country Health SA Local Health Network (CHSALHN). WHHS provides a wide range of services utilising local general practitioners, resident specialists, visiting specialists, TMOs and telemedicine for people in the surrounding areas and a 24-hour Emergency Department.

The WHHS is currently accredited for two PGY2+ posts, one in General Surgery/Orthopaedics and one in General Medicine. In June 2018 WHHS, CHSALHN was successful in receiving Commonwealth funding from the Rural Junior Doctor Training Innovation Fund (RJDTIF), which funds the development of rural primary care rotations for rurally based interns. The RJDTIF is part of the Integrated Rural Training Pipeline (IRTP) for Medicine which will help to retain medical graduates in rural areas by providing medical training in rural areas.

CHSALHN and the Adelaide Rural Clinical School (ARCS) Northern Gulf Eyre Regional Training Hub (RTH) signed a collaborative agreement which establishes a RTH for prevocational medical education and training in WHHS and surrounding areas, including Pt Augusta and Pt Lincoln hospitals and communities.

WHHS is also working collaboratively with Mount Gambier Districts Health Service (MGDHS) with the establishment of collaborative education and training program committees; and both WHHS and MGDHS Trainee Medical Officers (TMOs) attending weekly tutorials via videoconferencing. In addition to the weekly tutorials, WHHS TMOs are able to attend grand rounds, journal clubs, clinical case discussions and simulation training.

TMOs are provided with a wide variety of clinical experiences during the terms including practical experience in surgical and medical specialties. TMOs reported there was a great casemix of patients at WHHS and have extensive exposure to operating theatre time. TMOs reported nil concerns with working hours or overtime and excellent supervision from supervising General Practitioners (GPs).

Appropriate orientation is provided to TMOs at WHHS and will be provided over three days to interns in 2019 in collaboration with MGDHS. CHSALHN-wide information will be provided to both sites via videoconferencing and site-specific information being held at the respective sites. Orientation to secondary / community sites will occur on the following Monday.

WHHS term supervisors are committed to the supervision of TMOs and demonstrated an excellent understanding of the requirements involved in supervising interns. TMOs confirmed they receive regular formal and informal feedback from supervisors and are able to provide feedback on all aspects of their education and training.

Current TMOs received mid-term and end-of-term assessments and undertake additional assessments throughout the term to support their education and training and contribute to their formal assessments. These assessments are discussed with TMOs and TMOs have the opportunity to comment.

This accreditation report outlines the strengths and areas for development in the current PGY2+ program and the newly established intern education and training program for 2019 at WHHS.

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