

Local Health Network Accreditation Report



Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network

Accreditation Report Details

Date of Visit:	16 August 2023
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Accreditation Decision

1 year with 4 provisos

Executive Summary

The Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network (BHFLHN) Medical Education Strategic Plan and the BHFLHN Strategic Plan, endorsed by the BHFLHN Governing Board and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), provides a strategic direction and vision to be recognised as a significant high-quality education and training hub, developing BHFLHN's future workforce and delivering excellent health care to the region. A funding commitment by the BHFLHN Governing Board has been provided for 2024 intern positions and further resources have been allocated for the development of the education and training program into the future. Teaching hospitals within the BHFLHN is a critical step in developing education and training in the region and implementing a rural 'pipeline' training model to support a career pathway from medical student, prevocational trainee, registrar to consultant.

Over the next five years, as part of the service development within the new hospital builds at Mount Barker Districts Soldiers' Memorial Hospital (Mount Barker), Southern Fleurieu Health Service (Victor Harbor) and Gawler Health Service (Gawler), fit-for-purpose medical education facilities will incorporate office space to be aligned with a Trainee Medical Officer (TMO) resourced area. Currently, dedicated physical and ICT facilities remain a challenge as hospitals are constrained in terms of geographical space and there is significant pressure on suitable areas for delivery of clinical services and administration. The recently opened Mount Barker Hospital Emergency Department is a significant improvement with large windows and a combined nursing and doctors' station enhances communication.

During the first year as an education and training program, the Director of Clinical Training (DCT) and Medical Education Officer will meet with TMOs to receive their feedback and discuss any concerns with the program, welfare support and career pathways. An opportunity to receive feedback is within the closing minutes of an education and training session. This evaluation format provides presenters with real time feedback, promoting discussion and reflection, identifying ways sessions may be improved and ideas for future sessions. All evaluations will guide the Prevocational Medical Education and Training Unit to implement monitoring and continuous improvement processes and align the education and training program with the experience and learning needs of TMOs.

BHFLHN are well prepared for TMOs in 2024 and the DCT is commended on his commitment and resourcefulness to build an education and training network with no boundaries. Sessions are not only available to TMOs but to BHFLHN and other Local Health Network staff. The detailed clinical handover information available to support TMOs in clinical situations and the comprehensive Clinical Supervisor Training available is also commended.

Term Supervisors interviewed were enthusiastic and committed to improve education in rural areas and having interns experience the new education and training opportunities provided regionally. They are keen to provide a good experience to encourage TMOs to work rurally in the future or support them to "springboard" to other parts of South Australia. Term Supervisors have structures in place to support TMOs and with additional guidance from the Prevocational Medical Education and Training Unit will ensure TMOs have appropriate orientation, education and training, formal assessments, appropriate supervision and welfare support.