Review of the draft recommendations of the Primary Health Care 10 Year Plan

The Australian Government has established the Primary Health Reform Steering Group to provide independent expert advice to support the development of the Primary Health Care 10 Year Plan as part of Australia’s Long Term National Health Plan. The Steering Group has produced a discussion paper outlining its draft recommendations to guide the development of the Primary Health Care 10 Year Plan.

Cancer Council made a submission focused on several recommendations that hold relevance to cancer prevention and optimal cancer care. Whilst generally supportive of the recommendations Cancer Council offered examples to aid implementation, including Shared Care, Optimal Care Pathways and telehealth. We discussed optimising primary care engagement to increase participation in population-based cancer screening programs and supported the introduction of reforms to enable safe, and consistent data sharing practices and simplified pathways to share data to assist in implementation of the 10 year plan.

Once considered by the review team a copy of the submission will be available on the review website https://consultations.health.gov.au/primary-care-mental-health-division/aa049e7e/