

## State Budget 2006/07 Information Sheet Health

<b>WACOSS' Recommendation</b>	<b>Budget Outcome</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<p><b>Improved Oral Health Services</b> That the State Government commit additional resources to assist low income families and elderly people to access high quality dental care including early intervention and on-going monitoring of oral health.</p> <p>Specifically, the State Government needs to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a dental workforce plan for next 10 – 15 years</li> <li>• Provide additional resources for the orthodontic treatment of young people</li> <li>• Review the Country Patients' Dental Subsidy Scheme (CPDSS) with a view to improve it's effectiveness for patients and increase the private dentist participation in the scheme</li> <li>• Increase the eligibility criteria for PATS funding to include all dental treatments for rural and regional patients who are unable to access public dental services in their region.</li> <li>• Commit additional funding to reduce the dental waiting list</li> </ul>	<p>Continuation of dental waitlist initiative- \$1million Some recruitment initiatives of overseas dentists- not clear if this is part of workforce plan. New, and ongoing construction of dental clinics No details of extension of PATS</p>	
<p><b>Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATS)</b> That the State Government initiates a comprehensive patient evaluation of the PATS and agree to consider the recommendations with a view to improving the patient/family focus of the Scheme. This should be done as part of WA Country Health Services: Patient Transport Review.</p>	<p>Revised guidelines are being developed- due for release in July 2006. Not clear from budget papers whether this is as a result of a patient evaluation process.</p>	
<p><b>Informed Consent</b> That Department of Health, through the Council of Safety and Quality in Health Care, develop and implement a wide ranging campaign promoting informed consent, including appropriate media and distribution throughout the State, of Consumer Informed Consent resource materials.</p>	<p>No detail identified in budget</p>	

<p><b>Mental Health</b> The Government develop and implement strategies to target specialist mental health services for seniors and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds (CaLD) and for regional and remote areas.</p>	<p>Not included in current mental health strategy 2004-2007. Increase in mental health funding of \$99million over 3 years</p>	
<p><b>Participation of Carers in Mental Health System</b> Extend carer participation; representation and advocacy within a capacity building framework across all clinical health networks and the public health system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement a carer representation framework for all clinical health networks, including mental health at a cost of \$200,000 pa</li> <li>• Initiate paid Carer consultants within public mental health services at a cost of approximately \$600,000 in 2006-2007.</li> </ul>	<p>Commitment to progress- no specific funding allocated in this budget</p>	
<p><b>Funding for Drug and Alcohol Services</b> That the State Government, as a priority, develop strategies to fund core alcohol and other drug services currently provided from resources using Commonwealth funding.</p>	<p>No detail identified in budget</p>	
<p><b>Non-Government Drug and Alcohol Services</b> That the State Government, as a priority, adequately resource existing non-government drug and alcohol services to a level that meets the expansion of demand. An immediate additional 25% increase to recurrent core funding for existing non government treatment and support services has been identified as required to ensure the sustainability of the sector</p>	<p>No detail identified in budget</p>	

<p><b>Dementia Care</b> That the State Government provide funding for the progressive implementation of the Dementia Action Plan within the State Aged Care Plan.</p>	<p>Initiatives for 2006/07</p> <p>Strategies identified in the State Aged Care Plan, Carers' Action Plan for Western Australia 2003-07 and the Dementia Action Plan for Western Australia 2003-06 were progressed through the HACC program to assist informal providers of care in the community. Initiatives included carer recognition training for HACC providers, carer information support at the acute / community interface, dementia skills training for acute care staff, increased dementia support services and development of best practice models of care for people with dementia.</p> <p>Strategies will continue to be progressed to assist informal providers of care in the community, under the State Aged Care Plan, the Carers Action Plan for Western Australia 2003-07 and the Dementia Action Plan for Western Australia 2003-06.</p> <p>In line with the Dementia Action Plan 2003-06 for Western Australia, Western Australia Health has undertaken a range of initiatives. Opportunities have been pursued through the Home and Community Care Program annual growth funding, such as funding of the Alzheimers' Association of Western Australia to develop and deliver training in the acute care sector to hospital staff, family members and carers.</p> <p>The Alzheimers' Association of Western Australia provided dementia specific, centre-based day care services in the Great Southern region, each focussing on different stages of dementia and providing training on the different stages of dementia.</p>	
<p><b>Aged Care- Residential Care Services</b> The State Government needs to establish recurrent funding streams for the aged care sector to encourage and support residential care in trialling new initiatives that facilitate transition care from both the public and private acute care</p>	<p>No detail identified in budget</p>	
<p><b>Carer Recognition Act</b> That the Government initiate a non recurrent grants programme of \$250,000 p.a. over the years 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 to encourage the implementation of family involvement frameworks; carer friendly systems and workplaces</p>	<p>Legislation passed No detail identified in budget</p>	