

Question on Notice

No. 1360

Asked on 10 November 2022

MR J KRAUSE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH)—

QUESTION

With reference to Queensland Audit Office Report 8: 2021-22 (improving access to specialist outpatient services) —

Will the Minister provide the objectives for the Connecting Your Care project, as identified in recommendation 4 of the report?

ANSWER

I'm advised that the objectives of the Connecting Your Care program are:

- improving visibility and access to community-based healthcare pathways;
- integrating and coordinating care to better support people with complex care needs, with a priority on First Nations to improve equity of outcome;
- supporting primary care to manage care in the community and strengthen the relationship with primary care;
- improving access to specialist outpatient care where clinically appropriate;
- standardising processes, experiences, and systems across the patient journey including standardising care across pathways and ensuring proactive, highly reliable and consistent care;
- improving safe discharge of patients back to their home / primary care; and
- providing safe, cost-effective care closer to home to improve the health of patients.

I'm advised that a number of digital projects to improve communication and care pathways between GPs, HHS clinicians and patients have commenced.