

## Commitment of SWSAHS to Community Participation

It is the responsibility of SWSAHS to include communities in its activities through participation and consultation processes. SWSAHS has developed a set of guidelines to ensure effective consultation with communities (Appendix 4).

Departments, Divisions, Sectors and Area services have a responsibility to develop objectives for their own community participation activities and include these in their business plans.

The involvement of consumers, carers and community members in health processes, particularly health service committees, follows a formal process that is guided by the *Procedures for Recruiting, Appointing and Supporting Community Representatives on Committees and Other Health Processes* (appendix 1).