

Providing Resources for Community Participation

Funds for community participation activities are provided and included in budgets at Area and Sector levels. Area and sector community participation staff are appointed to co-ordinate the community participation process.

We recognise that consumers, carers and community representatives may incur expenses through their involvement in SWSAHS participation processes. Consumers, carers or community representatives involved in consultation and participation processes are entitled to claim out of pocket expenses. Arrangements will be made to reduce these expenses, such as, providing transport to meetings in a SWSAHS vehicle, access to telephone, fax and photocopying facilities. Representatives will be encouraged to keep a receipt or record of out of pocket expenses incurred (other than private vehicle use for which a separate travel log needs to be completed) and to complete a Claim for Reimbursement Form (Appendix 9). There is policy document regarding reimbursement (Appendix 8).

In circumstances where interpreter services are required to enable the involvement of community representatives in consultation and participation activities, SWSAHS will provide these.