

Where to from here?

The SWSAHS Community Participation Framework will be progressively introduced throughout the organisation. An implementation plan will be developed to enable community participation practice to become integrated with SWSAHS, creating a culture of inclusion and participation in how we work and provide services. This will involve capacity building through organisational development, workforce development, resource allocation, leadership and partnerships (NSW Health, 2001). Strategies and initiatives for each of these key action areas will be developed in the forthcoming implementation plan.

The Community Participation Framework is a living document. As the practice of community, consumer and carer participation in health services deepens, the framework will be adapted and detailed to reflect these developments. The Community Participation Framework will continue to guide practice and ensure that there are processes within SWSAHS to involve consumer, carer and community representatives in decision-making and evaluation.