

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This strategic plan has documented issues to be considered in the provision of health services in the community within the SWSAHS. Strategies have been developed to assist the SWSAHS achieve the goals outlined in the Area Corporate Plan.

Area-wide strategic service planning has been undertaken for specialised services as listed on page three in the 'Introduction'. Each of these service plans proposes detailed strategies. A large number relate to health services provided in the community. Service planning is also occurring at sector level where the strategies outlined in this plan have the most relevance.

In the development of Area-wide or sector plans and in the reviews of services, it is considered important to include the principles and strategies as outlined. This strategic plan has identified a number of major issues, which will require further development.

These include:

- Increasing the involvement of staff in health promotion;
- Implementation of effective and efficient discharge support;
- Structures for the co-ordination of services at sector level;
- Health outcome evaluation;
- Developing structures for community consultation;
- Improvements in the information systems;
- Establishment of: new community health centres in Bankstown, Rosemeadow and Tahmoor., new community mental health facilities; and continuing development of primary health nursing clinic in schools.

Resource allocation formulae have been developed by the NSW Health Department to provide an equitable basis for the distribution of financial resources in the State. Progressive implementation of the RAF will provide additional resources to meet the existing and growing health care needs of South Western Sydney residents, and enhance health services provided in the community.

An implementation plan linked to achieving the goals of the SWSAHS is presented in Section 5.