

# Clinical Senate

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## Recommendations from two debates



## **Homelessness – Recommendations**

### System Manager: 5 Recs

- 3 Endorsed
- 2 Endorsed in Principle

#### Health Service Boards: 3 Recs

All put forward for consideration

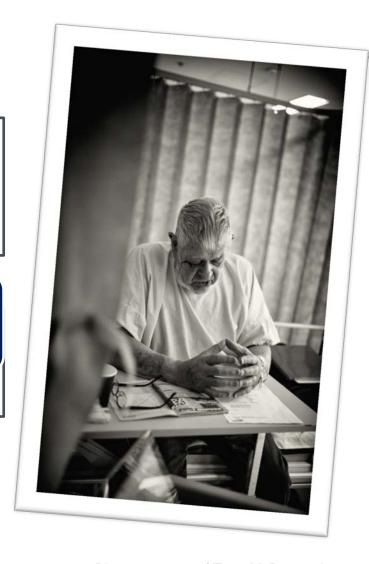


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# Homelessness – Recommendations

### For System Manager:

#### **Endorsed**

- 1 Ask Minister for Health to consider establishing cross-jurisdictional Cabinet Committee to coordinate initiatives to reduce homelessness
- 2 Introduce a standard definition of homelessness across the WA health system
- Add an alert to referrals identifying people who areor are at risk of being homeless

#### **Endorsed in principle**

- 3 Gather and analyse data on homeless patients to inform the development of a WA Standard of Care
- Initiate a research project to determine the benefits of addressing the high cost of hospitalisation in homeless people through proactively sending specialist care into the community.



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#### For Health Service Boards:

#### Put forward for consideration

- 1 Invest in staff education that evaluates the social determinates of health and the linkages to homelessness
- 2 Introduce a 'hub and spoke' management process for homeless patients, with peripheral facilities having access to central expertise
- 3 Ensure Aboriginal Elders within catchment have input into service delivery and hospital culture.



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