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Tasmanian State-wide Surgical Services Committee (TSSSC) One Health Reform White Paper Clinical Education, Training and Research Submission

In response to the white paper – exposure draft “Delivering Safe and Sustainable Clinical Services”, the TSSSC would seek to increase the detailed content in the paper as to how education, training and research will be supported as the health system advances into the future.

Whilst the document serves to primarily address the pressing need for better service delivery to the Tasmanian population, it is clear that for this to occur we must produce our own well-trained, innovative, and sustainable workforce starting at undergraduate level. Education, training and research are thus at the core of effective service delivery. Whilst this is acknowledged to some extent in Section 4 of the paper, we feel that more specific examples are required as to how these important areas will be supported.

Suggestions worthy of consideration include:

1. Ensuring that a set proportion of a clinician’s time is quarantined for undergraduate or postgraduate teaching and assessment, and that this be considered a contractual obligation.
2. Ensuring optimal exposure for students and trainees in clinical placements, by facilitating such placements and maintaining a modicum of clinical throughput.
3. Seeking meaningful and active partnerships with education and training bodies, such as the University of Tasmania’s Faculty of Health Sciences and Specialty Medical Colleges.
4. Exploiting research opportunities and facilitating research, particularly in the areas of clinical medicine and health service innovation.
5. Seeking meaningful and active partnerships with local research institutions, such as the University of Tasmania’s Faculty of Health Sciences and the Menzies Research Institute Tasmania.
6. Making strategic appointments to enable items 2-5.



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