

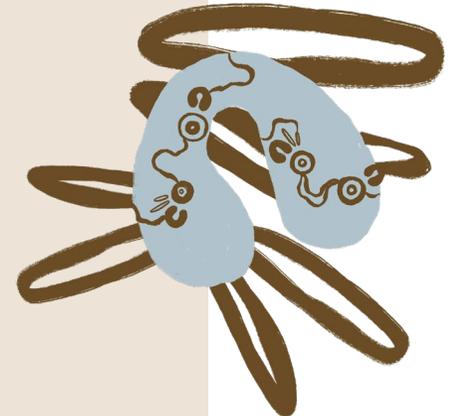
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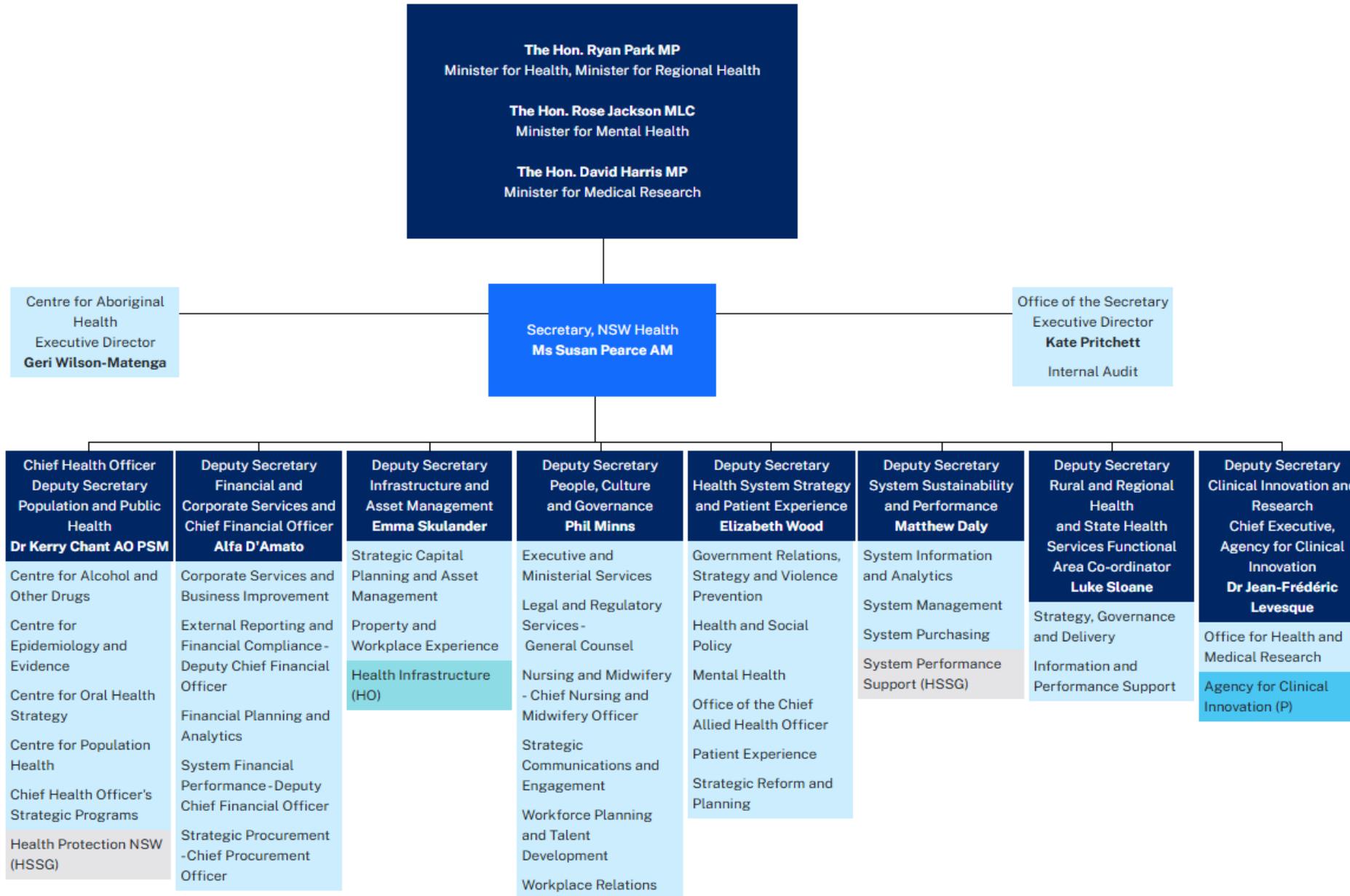
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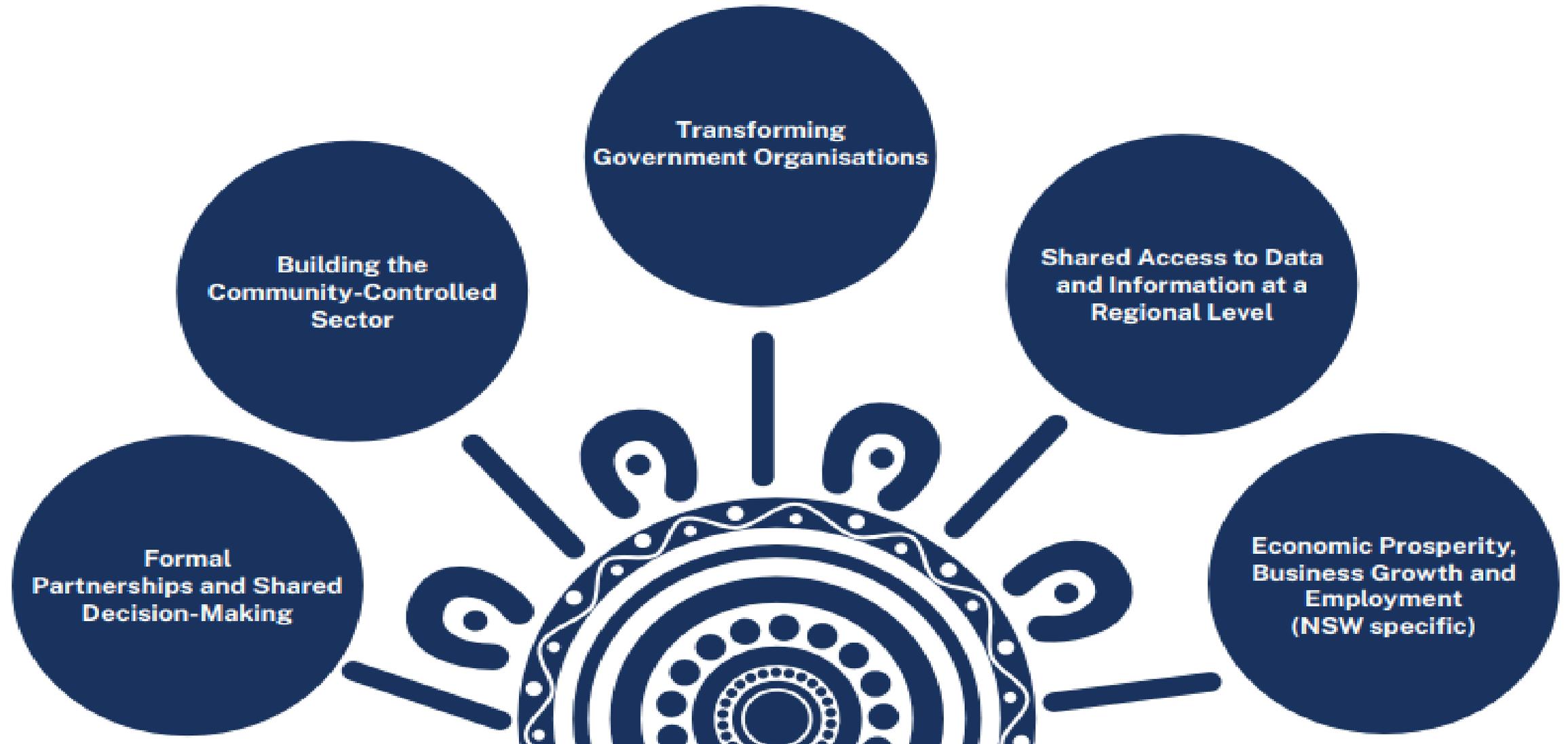


Centre for Aboriginal Health Priorities



- Embedding elements of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap into the NSW Health system
- Implementation of the NSW Aboriginal Health Plan
- Implementation of NSW Aboriginal Health Governance, Shared Decision Making & Accountability Framework
- Development of a NSW Racism Accountability Framework
- Senior Executive Forum Aboriginal Health transformative agenda and related actions for LHDs, SHNs and Pillars
- Strengthening relationships with the Aboriginal Community Controlled Sector.
- Aboriginal Health Dashboards & NSW Health system performance
- Stolen Generations Survivors following NSW Health Formal Apology

Closing the Gap : Priority Reform Areas

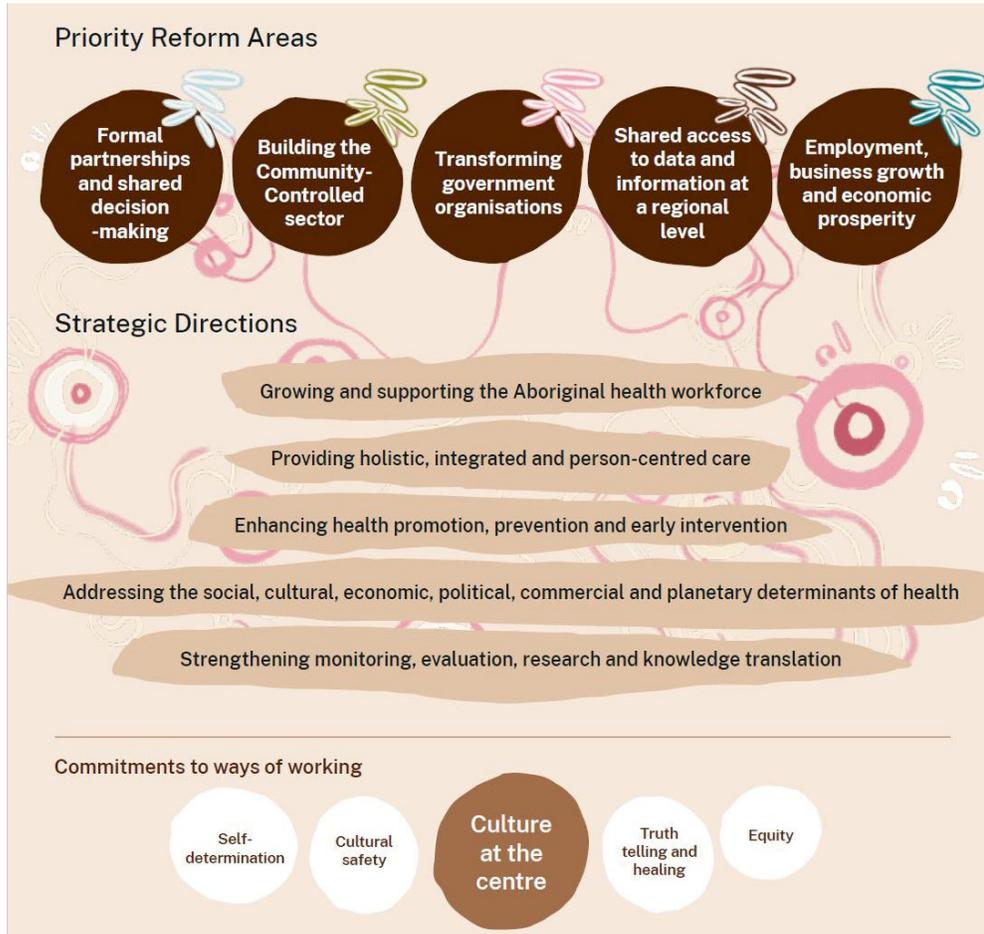


Closing the Gap: Socio-Economic Outcomes

Health responsibilities under the NSW Implementation Plan:

- Socio-Economic Outcome 1: Aboriginal people enjoy long and healthy lives
- Socio-Economic Outcome 2: Aboriginal children are born healthy and strong
- Socio-Economic Outcome 4: Aboriginal children thrive in their early years
- Socio-Economic Outcome 14: Aboriginal people enjoy high levels of social and emotional wellbeing

Overview of NSW Aboriginal Health Plan



Vision: Sharing power in system reform to achieve the highest levels of health and wellbeing for Aboriginal people

- The Priority Reform Areas (PRAs) are modelled off CTG as crosscutting enablers of change.
- PRAs support for structural and systemic transformation.
- The Strategic Directions (SDs) are key areas for strategic focus and action.
- The Strategic Priorities include strategies that will enable core business to be done differently.

NSW Aboriginal Health Governance, Shared Decision Making & Accountability Framework



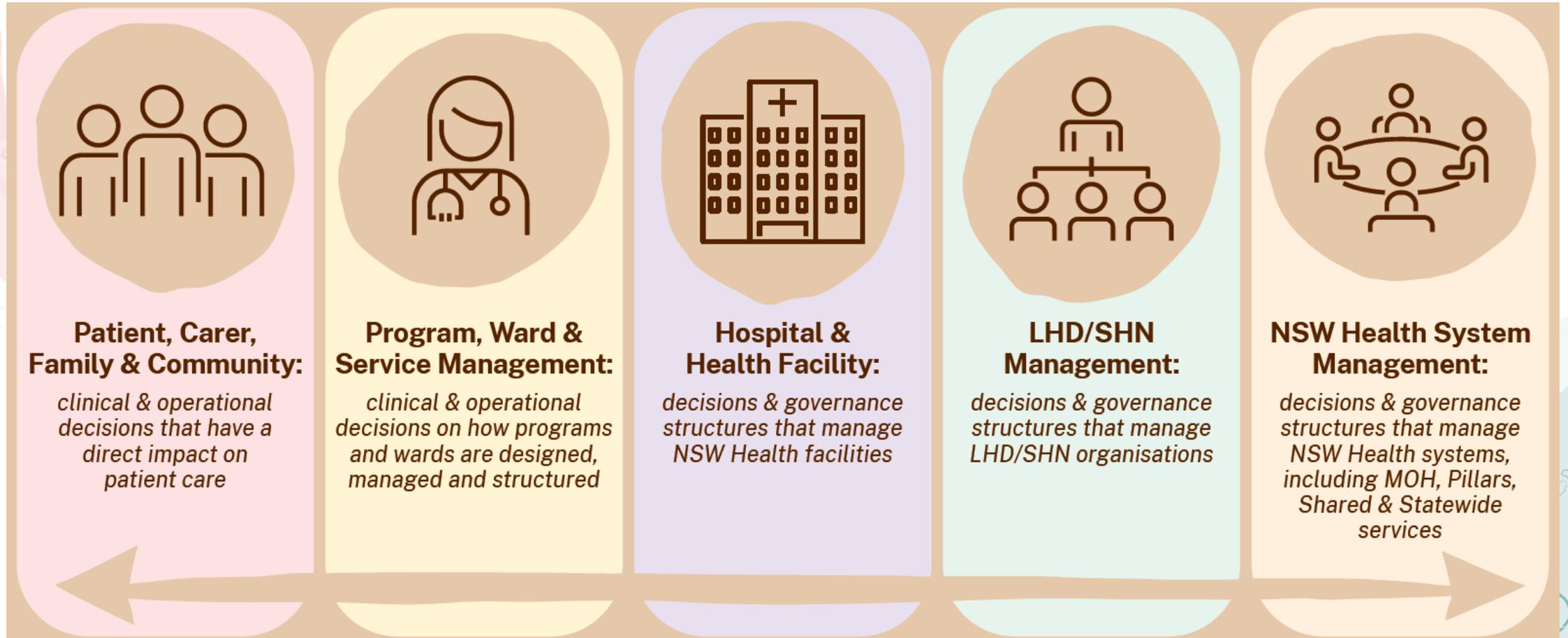
The purpose of this Framework is to improve outcomes for Aboriginal people in NSW through:

- embedding and amplifying Aboriginal voices and leadership
- implementing the concepts of shared decision making and self-determination
- embedding and including Aboriginal people in the design, delivery, monitoring and evaluation of all NSW Health programs and policies
- strengthening the accountability between NSW Health and NSW Aboriginal Communities
- building upon and strengthening partnerships between NSW Health and ACCOs.

NSW Aboriginal Health Governance, Shared Decision Making & Accountability Principles



NSW Health Levels of Decision Making & Governance



“Strengthening Research, evaluation, monitoring and knowledge translation”

Conducting Translational Research with Aboriginal Communities or People

1. Conceptualising the research question
2. Seeking advice
3. Complete an AHIS
4. Engaging the community
5. Aboriginal expertise in research projects
6. Data sovereignty and research integrity
7. Ethical considerations

(Also “Quick Guide on Undertaking Appropriate Aboriginal Health Research”)



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Completing an Aboriginal Health Impact Statement



Apply an 'Aboriginal health lens' to your research by considering:

- Health context for Aboriginal people
- Potential impact of your research on Aboriginal people
- Level and nature of engagement with Aboriginal people necessary

Requirement for all full TRGS applications



Engaging with the Centre for Aboriginal Health

- Think about how we can help your project by considering:
 - The Aboriginal Health perspectives your research is addressing (access, care type, models of care)
 - How this relates to other work in the Aboriginal Health space (CTG, NSW Health Aboriginal Health Plans, priority work)
 - What you would like from the Centre for Aboriginal Health (advice/governance participation/introductions)
- An AHIS is an excellent tool to help think this through, and can be a living document, so start early
- If you would like assistance with engagement consider who and what sort of input you are looking for
 - Community
 - Subject matter experts
 - Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations



Thank you

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