



Designing an evaluation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health care

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This is a brief update on progress in designing the evaluation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health care. See below for how to be involved in the evaluation.

The evaluation will focus on the Australian Government's main investment in primary health care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people – the Indigenous Australians' Health Programme (IAHP). The IAHP:

- Funds organisations to deliver primary health care to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Funds Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-specific initiatives to address issues such as maternal and child health, smoking, mental health, and drug use
- Seeks to strengthen the health system so that it works better for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We are genuinely seeking people's input at the beginning

We have held some preliminary design and planning meetings with people recognised for their work in the health sector, and those working closely with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who use and do not use health services.

We are now meeting with both health sector workers and other key participants across all states and territories, including:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Community service providers
- State and territory peak bodies for Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS)
- Primary Health Networks
- State and territory Departments of Health
- Other experts.

There are different ways to be involved

Those not able to meet with the evaluation team, and anyone else with an interest in the evaluation design, can submit their views and ideas through an online platform, which can be found [here](#).

Or, feel free to contact the evaluation team on the details below.

There will be many more opportunities for people to participate during the four-year evaluation.

Contact the evaluation team

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Further information about the evaluation

The evaluation project webpage: www.IPHceval.com

[Indigenous Australians' Health Programme Evaluation](#)

