

Victorian Integrated Cancer Services Consumer Forum

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Cancer Strategy & Development

Presentation overview

- Cancer Strategy and Development, Safer Care Victoria, Better Care Victoria - Who is who & what do they do?
- Progress against the current Victorian Cancer Plan – What has been achieved?
- Future directions – What is coming?

Cancer Strategy & Development

Department of Health & Human Services

- A unit within the Health and Wellbeing division
- Overarching role: cancer system design and manager
- Responsibilities:
 - Develop cancer reform policy and support its implementation through various mechanisms – including the Victorian Integrated Cancer Services (service improvement networks) and quality improvement programs in specific areas (e.g. survivorship)
 - Fund and manage radiotherapy service provision and facilitate chemotherapy and radiotherapy service quality improvement programs (focus on clinical service delivery- e.g. chemotherapy prescribing)
 - Set strategic priorities for cancer research & facilitate the undertaking of cancer research in Victoria

Cancer Strategy & Development

Department of Health & Human Services

- Report through the Divisional Executive to the Department's Secretary
- Our work is aligned with the Department of Health & Human Services strategic plan
- The *Victorian Cancer Plan* provides the authorising environment for our work
- We work with a large range of stakeholders in the sector, including consumers and clinicians, and within the Department to advocate for & support improvements in the care and outcomes for people affected by cancer

We aim to achieve the best health, wellbeing and safety for all Victorians, so that they can live a life they value

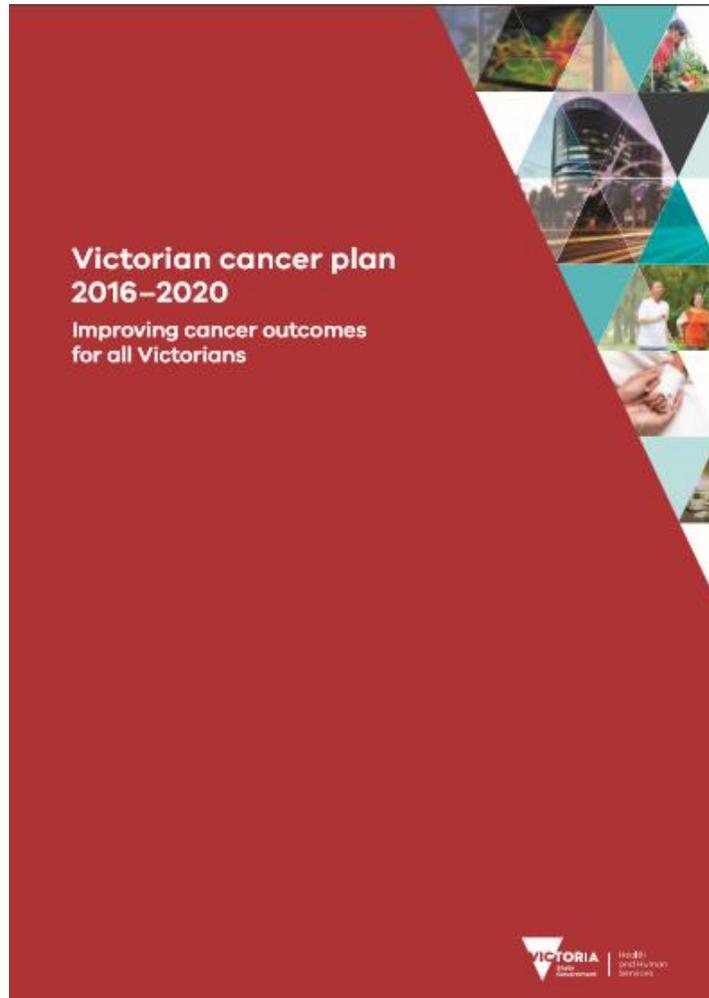
Safer Care Victoria

- Established in January 2017 in response to recommendations within the report *Targeting Zero: Supporting the Victorian hospital system to eliminate avoidable harm and strengthen quality of care*
- Victoria's lead agency for improving quality and safety in healthcare
- Overarching role: supports health services to monitor performance, guide best practice, and help them identify and respond to areas where they can improve
- Operates as an Administrative Office in relation to the Department of Health and Human Services
 - Structure is different to that of the Department
 - Partnering with consumers and clinicians central to the work

Better Care Victoria

- Established in 2016 in response to the Travis review which recommended ways to improve the capacity of Victoria's health system
- Overarching role: Support timely and appropriate access to the highest quality care for Victorians through the identification, scaling and embedding of innovative practice across the Victorian health system
- Provides opportunities to shine a light on successful innovation, promoting and sharing best practice across Victoria to improve patient access, experience and outcomes.
- Places patients, their families, carers, clinicians and healthcare providers at the heart of innovation, working to enable and sustain system improvement.
- From mid-2017, moved to sit within Safer Care Victoria
- Better Care Victoria retains its own Board to drive system improvement, innovation and leadership in the health sector

Victorian cancer plan 2016 - 2020



First plan to be developed under the *Improving Cancer Outcomes Act 2014*

The Act requires a cancer plan every four-years

As the first in a now-legislated series of the plans, the plan establishes long-term goals

Identifies policy, planning and research priorities and provides key directions for specific action areas

Summary of the cancer plan



Goals of the cancer plan

The cancer plan establishes a medium-term goal to
save 10,000 lives by 2025

- Through actions to prevent cancers, detecting cancers earlier, improve treatment and reduce unwarranted variations in outcomes
- 10,000 cancer related deaths averted in the next 10 years

Victorian Cancer Plan 2020-2024

- The Victorian cancer plan 2020-24 will identify priorities to prevent cancer, increase survival, improve the experience of the cancer treatment and care system, and achieve equitable outcomes for all Victorians
- Development of the plan will be informed by the baseline report of the Victorian cancer plan monitoring and evaluation framework, the cancer patient experience survey, and extensive consultation with the cancer sector and community planned for later in the year.
- Cancer Council Victoria is currently conducting an independent consultation with clinicians and consumers that will inform their submission to the Victorian government