

Reports

A Healthier Future for All Australians

National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission

The National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission has released its interim report - '*A Healthier Future for all Australians*'.

The report proposes 116 reform directions across the spectrum of health service delivery, covering a range of issues including governance of the health system, primary health care, prevention, Indigenous health, hospitals, aged care, workforce, mental health, and rural health.

The report is available at:

<http://www.nhhrc.org.au/internet/nhhrc/publishing.nsf/Content/interim-report-december-2008>

Final Report of the Special Commission of Inquiry Acute Care Services in NSW Public Hospitals

http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/lawlink/Special_Projects/ll_splprojects.nsf/pages/acsi_finalreport

Peter Garling SC

Caring Together: The Health Action Plan for NSW

<http://healthactionplan.nsw.gov.au/>

This website outlines the NSW Government's response to the recommendations made by Mr Peter Garling SC following his Inquiry into acute care services in NSW public hospitals.

Making progress: the health, development and wellbeing of Australia's children and young people

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Ensuring that children get the best possible start in life is a key priority for the Australian Government. This report delivers the latest and most reliable information on how, as a nation, we are faring according to key statistical indicators of child and youth health, development and wellbeing. The report covers children and young people aged 0-19 years, and includes indicators for the entire 0-19 year age range as well as indicators for three different stages of development: 1) infancy and early childhood; 2) school age childhood; and 3) adolescence. Information is presented on important issues such as mental health, disability, risk factors for chronic disease, mortality, education, homelessness, crime, jobless families and family economic situation. Particular attention is given to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and youth, and to how Australia compares internationally. This is an essential resource for policy makers, researchers, practitioners and anyone interested in the progress of Australia's children and youth.

Download for free: <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/phe/mp-thdawoacayp/mp-thdawoacayp.pdf>

Younger People with Disability in Residential Aged Care Program: final report on the 2007-08 Minimum Data Set

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

This report includes information from the 2007-08 Younger People With Disability in Residential Aged Care Minimum Data Set (YPIRAC MDS). It summarises the characteristics of people who were 'on the books' during 2007-08 and the YPIRAC services they received. Included in 'on the books' are people who accepted YPIRAC services in 2006-07 and continued to receive services (including monitoring only) in 2007-08, along with new starters in 2007-08.

Download full publication: <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/dis/dis-53-10730/dis-53-10730.pdf>

Special Commission of Inquiry into Child Protection Services in NSW

Hon James Wood, AO QC

The Special Commission of Inquiry into Child Protection Services in New South Wales was established on 14 November 2007.

The New South Wales Governor commissioned the Hon James Wood AO QC to conduct an inquiry to determine what changes within the child protection system are required to cope with future levels of demand once the current reforms to that system are completed.

The Report of the Special Commission of Inquiry into Child Protection Services in NSW was provided to the Governor on 24 November 2008 and was released by the Government on the same day.

Access the Wood Report: <http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/cpsinquiry>

Keep them safe: a shared approach to child wellbeing



Keep Them Safe sets out the NSW Government's five year Plan to improve the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. The Plan responds to the Report of the Special Commission of Inquiry into Child Protection Services in NSW (November 2008).

Click on the link below to view the publication:

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/pubs/2009/pdf/keep_them_safe.pdf

The State of the World's Children 2009 Maternal and Newborn Health

Unicef

The State of the World's Children 2009 examines critical issues in maternal and newborn health, underscoring the need to establish a comprehensive continuum of care for mothers, newborns and children. The report outlines the latest paradigms in health programming and policies for mothers and newborns, and explores policies, programmes and partnerships aimed at improving maternal and neonatal health. Africa and Asia are a key focus for this report, which complements the previous year's issue on child survival.

The State of the World's Children 2009 is available as a report in English, French, Spanish and Arabic and as a multimedia version in English, French, Spanish and Arabic. To download the full report as a PDF click on the link below:

<http://www.unicef.org/sowc09/docs/SOWC09-FullReport-EN.pdf>

