Membership of the Surgical Services Taskforce

Membership to comprise the Chair and 6 other membership categories as set out below.

Chair:
Dr Michael McGlynn

Personal Membership:

A/Prof Pat Cregan (Ex Chair)
Prof Brian McCaughan Cardiothoracic Surgeon, RPA
Dr Geoff Brooke-Cowden General Surgeon, Auburn Hospital
Dr Philip Truskett General Surgeon, POW
Dr Arthur Richardson Upper GI Surgeon, Westmead
Dr Greg Knoblanche Anaesthetist, RNS
Dr. Brett Courtenay Orthopaedics, St Vincents
Ms Jenny Cubitt Nurse Manager Operating Theatres, Canterbury
Ms Phyllis Davis Nursing Director Operating Theatres, POW & SCH Randwick

Specialty Membership:

Representation from each of the following specialties, if not already covered by other members. Representative to be determined by the Chair SST and DDG HSQPI NSW DOH:

Ophthalmology – (Statewide Ophthalmology Service)
Urology
ENT – (Otolaryngology Head and Neck Society)
Neurosurgery
Plastic Surgery
Vascular
Paediatric
Gynaecology
Orthopaedic
Anaesthetics

Ex Officio Membership:

DDG HSQPI
State Program Director of Surgery
Chief Executive, Agency Clinical Innovation
Chair RACS State Committee (NSW)

Program Directors of Surgery, Health Networks

Director of Operations – Urban LHN and a rural LHN
Persons to be determined by the Chair of the SST and DDG HSQPI NSW DOH
Nominee of Organisations

Clinical Excellence Commission

Ministerial Taskforce on Emergency Care

Critical Care Taskforce
NSW SURGICAL SERVICES TASKFORCE

NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Develop strategies for the provision of high quality, patient centred and accessible surgical services across NSW to optimise:
   - The patient journey from initial referral to home.
   - Appropriate and predictable throughput of patients and predictable access to hospital resources for staff.
   - Effective management of waiting times and waiting lists.
   - Work collaboratively with the ACI to develop and oversight implementation of appropriate models for surgical care.
   - Ensure safety and quality of care in partnership with the CEC.
   - Ensure appropriate training for future clinical staff in partnership with CETI.
   - Work collaboratively with the NSW Department of Health in the planning of surgical services.

2. Oversight implementation of strategies for management of surgical services across NSW as agreed by the Minister and Director-General.

3. Engage with consumer groups to ensure incorporation of the patient, family and carer perspective in the Taskforce’s work and recommendations.

4. Assist the NSW Department of Health in monitoring the performance of health services.

5. Provide advice to the Director-General and Minister on the delivery of surgical services in NSW.

6. Provide clinical leadership in the delivery of surgical services in NSW.

7. The Surgical Services Taskforce will work in partnership with relevant clinical taskforces, professional bodies, Royal Colleges, academic and research institutes.

Membership

- Members of the Taskforce will be appointed at the discretion of the Minister.
- External persons may be invited to attend the meetings at the request of the Chair of the Surgical Services Taskforce.

Time of Meetings

- Meetings are held at NSW Department of Health on a monthly basis (other than December). The meetings are usually held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 5.30pm. (A schedule for the calendar year will be published and distributed to members).
- Meeting duration is expected to be no longer than 2 hours.