

DELIVERY OF DIAGNOSTIC MAMMOGRAPHY SERVICES IN TASMANIA

FINAL PROGRESS REPORT - 2022

Relevant agreements	Project Agreement for the Community Health and Hospitals Program: Tasmanian 2019-20 and 2020-21 Initiatives (the CHHP PA)
Output	Delivery of Diagnostic Mammography Services in Launceston and Hobart
Report period	January 2022 to October 2022
Submission date	December 2022
Current output status	Ongoing

Overview

- This Progress Report is provided for the “Delivery of diagnostic mammography services in Launceston and Hobart” output under the 2019-21 CHHP PA. The \$3 million in Commonwealth funding provided for this output was received by Tasmania in 2020.
- In Tasmania, diagnostic mammograms (and subsequent diagnostic breast imaging) have only been provided through private practice. The funding provided for the delivery of the output has supported the Department of Health (DoH) in exploring the establishment of a Breast Imaging Service which would provide public diagnostic imaging for all Tasmanians.
- Work to establish a public diagnostic mammography service in Tasmania is ongoing with progress continuing in 2022-23. Tasmania is exploring the best model of care for the long-term provision of public diagnostic imaging services. s47B(a) [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] DoH will ensure that the model of care chosen meets both the service needs of the community and the intended outcomes of the Diagnostic Mammography output under the 2019-21 PA.

Key outputs achieved during the project

Governance and Recruitment

- In January 2021, the Clinical Advisory Group (CAG) was established to discuss current and long-term demand, service, and infrastructure requirements for a public diagnostic mammography service.
- The Breast Care Network, comprising interdisciplinary Tasmanian Health Service staff representing all aspects of the breast cancer screening, diagnosis and treatment pathway, was convened in May 2022. The

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Breast Care Network is supporting the establishment of a public diagnostic mammography service in Tasmania through the ongoing provision of clinical advice.

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[REDACTED] Various stakeholders have been consulted, including general practitioners, Primary Health Tasmania, and surgeons and staff within the Royal Hobart Hospital's Department of Medical Imaging.

Determining the Model of Care and Interim and Long-Term Service Provision

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From: s47F @health.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 12 December 2022 8:00 AM
To: s47F s22
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Subject: TRIM: FW: For checking with s47F and s47F

s47F and team,

Thank you for convening the officer level bilateral meeting between our Departments in November, and apologise for the delay in responding it has been a busy time of year for intergov teams and our colleagues in service delivery.

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Provided below is some information in response to the action items you sent through s47B(a)

	PROJECT	ACTION	Tasmania response
1.	s47B(a)	s47B(a)	s47B(a)
2.	Delivery of Diagnostic Mammography Services in Launceston and Hobart	Tasmania to provide suggested project completion criteria and date	Tasmania will aim to confirm criteria to 'close out' reporting for service-based outputs as part of the next suite of progress reports (in 2023)
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Kind regards

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Sent: Wednesday, 16 November 2022 3:12 PM

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Subject: Meeting Action Items [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s47F and s47F

Thank you for your time yesterday for our catch up meeting.

I have listed below the Action Items from the meeting.

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As agreed in the meeting, some further catch up meetings will be useful. s47B(a)

It would be appreciated if you could address your response to our group email address at s22 @Health.gov.au cc myself as this will ensure that your response is actioned in the case of my absence.

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From: s22
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Hi S47F

I recall you mentioned briefly at the PMG meeting the diagnostic mammography services you are having to stand up in Launceston and Hobart under a Project Agreement with the Commonwealth for *the Community Health and Hospitals Program Tasmanian 2019-20 and 2020-21 Initiatives*.

You may not be aware, but my team has recently taken on management of this part of the Project Agreement and I was wondering if you could give me a little insight into your understanding of timing and deliverables.

We've been advised that representatives from the Department met with Tasmanian government officials on 25 May 2023 to discuss this project and that the final project report is due September 2023. At the recent meeting, Tasmanian government officials advised that closure of the project will be tied to services being delivered and that this should align with the timing of the final project report due date.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could provide an informal, high level update on the project from your perspective so that we can gain a fuller insight into the current status. We have no concerns but thought it might help us to manage the project moving forward.

Happy to arrange a meeting if you prefer to discuss over the phone, or a short email response is fine.

Thanks for your time.

Kind regards

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Project Agreement for the Community Health and Hospitals Program Tasmanian 2019-20 and 2020-21 Initiatives

Diagnostic Mammography Services - Tasmania

Due date:	30 September 2023
Date submitted:	s47B(a)
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Overview and Background

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- The project is now well established, with service delivery having commenced in a staged manner since March 2023. The phases and key deliverables are outlined below.

Key activities undertaken and next steps

- PSCP is implementing the project in three phases:

Phase I

- This is the current project phase which involves Saturday clinics at the BST Hobart assessment centre. This centre operates three mammography machines (all with tomosynthesis capability) and two ultrasound machines.
- Phase I clinics provide diagnostic breast imaging to patients as part of their public outpatient or inpatient admission, and began in March 2023.
- The clinics are operating twice per month for internal referrals from THS surgeons, oncologists and the Emergency Department. Twelve clinics have been completed to the end of August 2023, with 70 patients seen and 130 procedures performed.
- The service commenced with a soft rollout as most public patients due for surveillance imaging had already been referred to private providers prior to the commencement of bookings. Clinic sizes have since steadily increased, with 25 of the 70 patients seen by the service having attended in August.

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Hi s22

Thanks for sending through the below advice, we note and will further consider s47B(a) in collaboration with the Population Screening team.

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Happy to discuss as required.

s47F

From: s22

Sent: Monday, 13 November 2023 4:30 PM

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Cc: s22

Subject: Assessment of Tasmania's Annual Report - Delivery of Diagnostic Mammography Services in Launceston and Hobart [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s47F

I'm reaching out in regards to Tasmania's Annual Report for the Delivery of Diagnostic Mammography Services in Launceston and Hobart (the Annual Report).

First of all, thank you for providing the Annual Report. s47B(a)

While we are encouraged to read that the first phase of implementation is already underway for Hobart, s47B(a)

s47B(a) we acknowledge that delivery of services have commenced using interim solutions during Phase One of implementation, s47B(a)

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Thank you again for providing the Annual Report, s47B(a)
we are encouraged to see the model of care being established through this Project.

Kind regards

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