

Government Response to the Transition Care Programme (TCP) Review's Recommendations

	Recommendation	Response
Recommendation 1	Update the Guidelines completely with the new terminology and any changes to the Transition Care Programme. This should also include any updates to safety and quality parameters.	The Government accepts this recommendation.
Recommendation 2	Extend leave provisions to align to practices in the Short-Term Restorative Care (STRC) programme.	The Government accepts this recommendation.
Recommendation 3	Extend the time period a care recipient can be in hospital without needing to exit the Transition Care Programme to 72 hours.	The Government accepts this recommendation.
Recommendation 4	Extend the time period from when care recipients can be admitted into the Programme to 48 hours, to better support care recipients who will access the Transition Care Programme in a home setting, whilst ensuring appropriate hospital patient flow. Health services should remain responsible for ensuring safe discharge practices are followed.	The Government accepts this recommendation.
Recommendation 5	Directly engage with The National Advisory Group for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aged Care to determine how the Programme can be accessed and delivered in a more culturally appropriate and safe environment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.	The Government accepts this recommendation.
Recommendation 6	Care recipients of the Transition Care Programme may be asked to pay fees to contribute to the Programme. The expectations of consumers to pay fees, and the ability for providers to waive fees for those with financial hardship, should be made more explicit within the Programme Guidelines. This will improve consistency across TCP.	The Government accepts this recommendation.
Recommendation 7	Consider adding additional Key Performance Indicators to assist with understanding the value of the Programme, especially around activity participation and psychosocial domains. These should be tested with providers and care recipients before their full implementation.	The Government accepts this recommendation.
Recommendation 8	Safety and quality expectations need to be made explicit to providers, given the new Aged Care Quality Standards apply to TCP from 1 July 2019.	The Government accepts this recommendation.
Recommendation 9	The appropriate length of stay for a Transition Care Programme care recipient should be investigated further.	The Government accepts this recommendation.
Recommendation 10	Consider managing total care days across an entire year, not daily, in order to provide flexibility for seasonal demand in the Transition Care Programme.	The Government notes this recommendation.

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Recommendation 11	The Department of Health should consider implementing more regular meetings between State and Territory health departments to improve collaboration and innovation.	The Government accepts this recommendation.
Recommendation 12	Promote the Commonwealth funded Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) to all service providers.	The Government accepts this recommendation.
Recommendation 13	Data reporting should be made more consistent, especially in relation to Annual Accountability Reports.	The Government accepts this recommendation.