



# Welcome to Brisbane North PHN

*Our vision is a community where good health is available to everyone.*

## What are Primary Health Networks (PHNs)?

PHNs are organisations funded primarily by the Australian Government. There are 31 PHNs in Australia and seven of these are in Queensland. Their role is to improve the health of people who live in their region. Each PHN might do this differently based on the needs and health of the community in their region.

## Who we are

Brisbane North PHN is the second largest PHN in Queensland. Our region has a population of over one million people. We support clinicians and communities in Brisbane's northern suburbs, Moreton Bay, parts of Somerset and Norfolk Island.

## What we do

We aim to provide better access to healthcare and to improve the health and wellbeing of our community.

Each year, we look at the health needs of our community. We find out what health problems people are living with and what services there are to support them. We do this by looking at health data and talking with the community and other organisations.

These include general practices, hospitals, government and non-government organisations. If people need support or services that don't exist, we fund and commission health services to fill the gap.

### Other work that we do includes:

- helping the different health services, such as hospitals and community health providers, to connect with one another to improve the care that people receive
- working with local communities, consumers, carers, health professionals, hospitals, community providers and other key partners to help make healthcare better.

## Our priority areas

Within our region there are particular groups of people who may have poorer health outcomes or difficulties accessing health services. We prioritise the needs and services required to support these groups. These groups include:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- older persons
- people living with mental illness
- people living with disabilities
- culturally and linguistically diverse communities
- people with refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds
- children
- people who identify as LGBTIQ+
- people experiencing homelessness
- people experiencing domestic and family violence.



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