

About us

On 1 July 2012, in accordance with the National Health Reform Agreement and Queensland's *Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011* (the Act), the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service (DDHHS) was established as an independent statutory body, overseen by a local hospital and health board (the Board), which reports to the Minister for Health, The Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP. The functions of the Board are outlined in the Act and include establishing, maintaining and monitoring the performance of systems to ensure the Health Service meets community needs.

Our role

DDHHS provides public hospital and healthcare services as defined in the service agreement with the Department of Health as the manager of the public health system. We deliver clinical services to approximately 300,000 people from 26 locations.

We are one of the largest employers in the Darling Downs, employing more than 4,800 people, and manage a budget with revenues of more than \$600 million annually.

Geographically our service is located across 90,000 square kilometers. We cover the local government areas of the Toowoomba Regional Council, Western Downs Regional Council, Southern Downs Regional Council, South Burnett Regional Council, Goondiwindi Regional Council, Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council and part of the Banana Shire Council (community of Taroom).

Our services

DDHHS provides a comprehensive range of hospital services including inpatient and outpatient services, surgical sub-specialties, medical sub-specialties, and diagnostic services.

We also offer community and primary health services including: aged care assessment, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health programs, child and maternal health services, alcohol and other drug services, home care services, community health, sexual health service, allied health services, oral health, and public health programs.

DDHHS also operates an integrated mental health service which provides specialist services across a number of clinical programs through Toowoomba Hospital, Baillie Henderson Hospital and rural communities.

DDHHS operates six residential aged care services located at Dalby - Karingal Nursing Home, Miles - Milton House, Toowoomba - Mt Lofty Heights, Oakey - Dr EAF McDonald Nursing Home, Warwick - The Oaks Nursing Home and Wondai - Forest View Aged Care Facility.

The majority of the residents in our region receive public hospital inpatient care at our facilities, either at their local hospital or at Toowoomba Hospital. Patients are at times required to travel to Brisbane to access some types of specialist services only offered at tertiary facilities. To support such travel, the DDHHS administers locally the Queensland Government's Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme.

Our facilities

The facilities within DDHHS's physical boundaries include the regional hospital in Toowoomba, district hospitals in Kingaroy, Dalby and Warwick, as well as rural community hospitals, residential aged care facilities, multipurpose health services, community health and primary care facilities.



DDHHS catchment

