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Mapping preventive health policies, strategies and initiatives across the WA Public Sector

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Preface – about the Chronic Disease Prevention Directorate

The Chronic Disease Prevention Directorate (CDPD) sits within the Public and Aboriginal Health Division of the Department of Health. CDPD was established in October 2010, signalling the Department of Health's intent to play a leading role in developing and advancing the state and national preventive health agendas. CDPD's work is focused on reducing the prevalence of modifiable risk factors common to most preventable chronic diseases:

- overweight and obesity
- poor diet
- physical inactivity
- smoking.

CDPD is also responsible for injury prevention initiatives and policies in Western Australia (WA). Preventing injury is often considered in partnership with approaches to prevent chronic disease because addressing lifestyle risk factors also helps reduce the incidence of injury in the community.

CDPD also hosts the Cultural Diversity Unit, which develops and promotes policies, practices and services that build the WA health system's cultural competency and strengthens accessibility, safety and quality of services and care for culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

Since its establishment, CDPD has played a leading role in setting statewide policies and priorities for preventing chronic disease and injury. These are outlined in the [WA Health Promotion Strategic Framework 2022–2026](#).

1. Introduction

The need for cross sector collaboration for prevention

The social determinants of health – the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age – have a profound and lifelong influence on health behaviours and outcomes. A person's physical and psychological makeup interact with their societal, environmental and socioeconomic conditions, their knowledge and attitudes, health risk behaviours and biomedical factors and shape their health and wellbeing over time. Broader influences of society, access to health services, social support, and the built and natural environments can strengthen or undermine individual and community health ([Figure 1](#)).

Promoting the conditions that support all Western Australians to thrive therefore depends on policies and initiatives that fall beyond the reach of the health system. Recent reviews by the WA Government have called for the need for a cross-sectoral approach to address complex issues such as obesity, alcohol-related violence and harm, community safety, climate change and social inequity.^{1,2}

The [Final Report](#) of the Sustainable Health Review (SHR, 2019) identified eight enduring strategies for high quality health care and sustainability. The first of these is to 'commit and collaborate to address major public health issues'. Included among these are obesity and harmful use of alcohol, and inequities in health outcomes for some population groups. The SHR recognises that secure housing, education, employment and the environment play a significant role in the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities and calls tackling the social determinants of health a 'collective responsibility'.

The SHR Report is the reference point for post-COVID work across the health system for the next 10 years.³

1 [Final Report](#) of the *Working Together – One Public Sector Delivering for WA Service Priority Review* (2017)

2 Our Priorities: Sharing prosperity. Whole of government targets to delivery better outcomes for all Western Australians (2019). This work program was deferred in early 2020 due to the State of Emergency declared in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Government's post-COVID programs are now outlined in the Government's [WA Recovery Plan](#).

3 [Department of Health Annual Report 2021-22](#)

The WA health system's capacity to bring about better health outcomes for Western Australians therefore depends how well it is able to engage with, find common ground and work across the public sector. At the same time, it is understood that other government departments and agencies have their own priorities and strategic frameworks that guide their work.

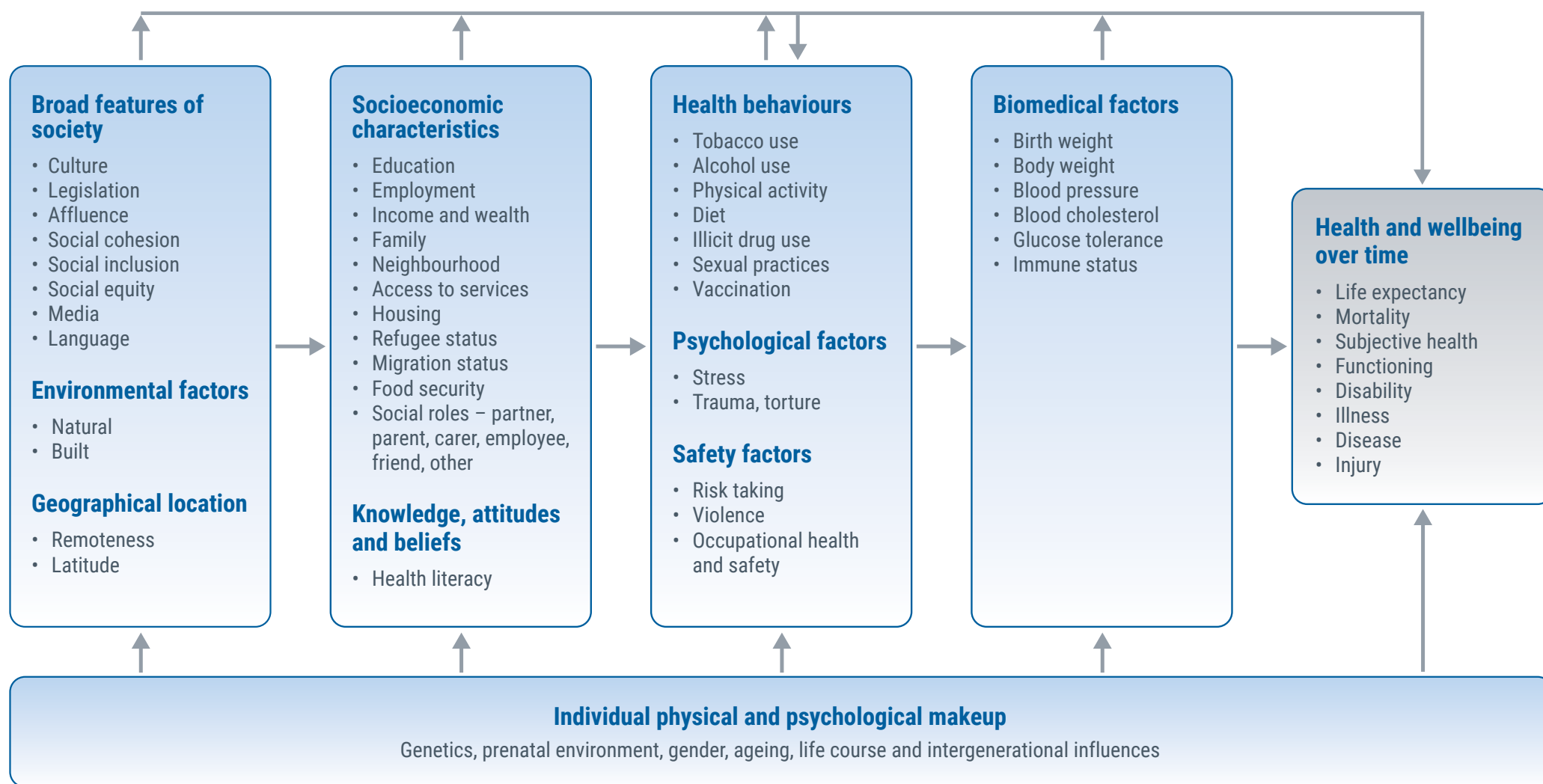


Figure 1: Figure based on Determinants of health (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare)⁴

4 Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. [Risk factors contributing to chronic disease](#). Canberra, Australia: AIHW; 2012

2. Aim of this report

The aim of this report is to identify and map areas of shared interest, and complementary strategies, policies and initiatives across the WA public sector that contribute to the prevention of chronic disease and injury.

It is hoped that this report will be used as a basis for strengthening collaboration on cross-government actions to improve the health and wellbeing of Western Australians.

3. Scope

This report focuses on policies, plans and projects being implemented by Government departments and agencies that will contribute to reducing preventable chronic disease and injury and promote health and wellbeing, in alignment with the core priorities of CDPD.

It is beyond the scope of this project to document all aspects of public health and prevention that contribute to the protection and promotion of health in WA but as noted above it takes a broad social determinants approach to chronic disease and injury prevention. This means that activities which have been identified that support broader community health and wellbeing (such as initiatives that contribute to better mental health, strengthened community engagement, and a reduction in health inequities) have been included.

Policies and plans that all public sector departments and agencies are required to develop that will contribute to better public health outcomes are excluded. These include:

- post-COVID agency recovery plans
- Reconciliation Action Plans
- Equal Opportunity Plans
- Disability Access and Inclusion Plans
- plans prepared to support implementation of the *Western Australian Multicultural Policy Framework* and the *Western Australian Climate Policy* (except where the specific focus of these policies is on health outcomes).

It is not within the scope of this project to document Western Australian legislation as it concerns health.

4. Methods

The 2021–22 version of this report is the third major update for the project. The review was restricted to desktop research of WA Government Department and agency websites because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Project history

In 2011, the Director, CDPD contacted and met with senior officers (Tiers 2/3) of a number of WA public sector agencies. At that time, the extent to which WA public sector agencies recognised their capacity to improve community health and wellbeing, and/or acknowledge public health considerations as part of their routine business, had not been documented. A summary report that mapped areas of intersecting interest was drafted and shared on a confidential basis with the agencies that contributed to it. Agencies were invited to comment on their entries and the document was amended accordingly.

Following the Machinery of Government changes in July 2017, the project was updated, and the findings shared as before.

5. Intersecting preventive health policy, strategies and initiatives

The common policy areas, strategies and initiatives of WA Government departments and agencies that help to prevent chronic disease and injury have been organised under 4 broad domains (Figure 2):

1. Healthy and safe settings
2. Healthy people and communities
3. Healthy food and drinks
4. Healthy recreation

Each domain includes a number of sub-themes. In some cases, the domains overlap and share one or more sub-themes.

Government departments and agencies are mapped by domains and sub-themes in the following tables (Tables 1–4). The tables show that there are substantial areas of shared interest between the WA Department of Health and other Departments and Agencies.

Discussions and dealings with officers in many of these Departments and Agencies confirms that there is a strong and active collaboration across the public sector, through formal and informal working groups and networks and partnerships, to ensure that policies are aligned and coherent.

These existing intersections provide a strong foundation for maximising the impact of policies and programs through more strategic interagency engagement and collaboration, and for additional identification of mechanisms for advancing common interests within existing resources and capabilities.

A brief overview of individual Department and Agency initiatives, strategies and policies and initiatives is provided in Section 7. This identifies areas of shared interest and key strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to chronic disease and injury prevention.



Figure 2: Cross sector mapping – domains and sub-themes

6. Next steps for this project

Mapping policy synergies for the prevention of chronic disease and injury is an important step in maintaining enduring and effective partnerships between the Chronic Disease Prevention Directorate, WA Department of Health and other Government Departments and Agencies. It also provides an opportunity to identify where there are new opportunities for linkages and collaboration.

A short version of Tables 1–4 has been published in the [WA Health Promotion Strategic Framework 2022–2026](#) in response to strong community interest in the extent to which preventive health concerns are reflected in the business of government agencies, in line with a social determinants approach to health and wellbeing.

The intention is that this report will be a 'living document'. WA Government Departments and Agencies are invited to review the information that has been collated and to provide updates to their work as it intersects with preventive health measures of the Chronic Disease Prevention Directorate.



Domain 1: Healthy and safe settings

Strategy, policy or initiative

Strategy, policy or initiative	Department or agency																							
	Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions	Communities	DevelopmentWA	Education	Finance	Fire and Emergency Services	Health	Jobs, Tourism, Science & Innovation	Justice	Local Govt, Sport & Cultural Industries	Lotterywest & Healthway	Mental Health Commission	Mines, Industry Regulation & Safety	Planning, Lands & Heritage	Primary Ind. & Regional Development	Public Sector Commission	Road Safety Commission	Training & Workforce Development	Transport	Treasury	VenuesWest	Water & Environmental Regulation	WA Police	
Natural and built environment																								
Urban/regional design and development to create more 'liveable' communities			✓											✓	✓				✓			✓		
Sustainable planning and land development			✓				✓						✓	✓	✓				✓	✓				
Urban renewal and place-making			✓		✓					✓				✓	✓									
Conservation of natural assets	✓							✓						✓	✓				✓			✓		
Promote visits to land and water ways	✓							✓							✓				✓					
Environmental protection, climate change and resource management	✓						✓						✓		✓							✓		
Planning and funding for parks and open spaces to promote healthy lifestyles	✓									✓				✓	✓						✓			
Safe/sustainable use of water ways	✓														✓				✓					
Smoke free public places and spaces							✓				✓													
Building projects that impact wellbeing (e.g. health facilities, roads, heritage)					✓		✓							✓	✓				✓	✓				
Provision of venues for community, sport, arts and recreation events	✓																				✓		✓	

Strategy, policy or initiative	Department or agency																							
	Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions	Communities	DevelopmentWA	Education	Finance	Fire and Emergency Services	Health	Jobs, Tourism, Science & Innovation	Justice	Local Govt, Sport & Cultural Industries	Lotterywest & Healthway	Mental Health Commission	Mines, Industry Regulation & Safety	Planning, Lands & Heritage	Primary Ind. & Regional Development	Public Sector Commission	Road Safety Commission	Training & Workforce Development	Transport	Treasury	VenuesWest	Water & Environmental Regulation	WA Police	
Housing																								
Affordable housing options		✓	✓									✓		✓										
Better living conditions		✓					✓							✓										
Appropriate accommodation for people with mental health, alcohol and drug issues											✓													
Safety in the home						✓	✓					✓												
Preventing injury and promoting safety																								
Road safety policy and infrastructure																	✓		✓					✓
Child / young people safety		✓		✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓					✓		✓		✓			
Injury/safety programs, policy and guidance (e.g. roads, home, child, water, fire, sun)		✓		✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓		✓					✓
Active transport																								
Planning and provision of public transport, cycling and walking infrastructure	✓		✓							✓					✓				✓					
Promotion of active transport			✓	✓	✓		✓			✓									✓					

Strategy, policy or initiative	Department or agency																							
	Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions	Communities	DevelopmentWA	Education	Finance	Fire and Emergency Services	Health	Jobs, Tourism, Science & Innovation	Justice	Local Govt, Sport & Cultural Industries	Lotterywest & Healthway	Mental Health Commission	Mines, Industry Regulation & Safety	Planning, Lands & Heritage	Primary Ind. & Regional Development	Public Sector Commission	Road Safety Commission	Training & Workforce Development	Transport	Treasury	VenuesWest	Water & Environmental Regulation	WA Police	
Arts and culture																								
Arts and cultural infrastructure and redevelopment	✓		✓							✓					✓				✓					
Provision of public art to enhance new buildings and public spaces					✓					✓									✓					
Products and services																								
Product safety												✓		✓										
Food safety						✓								✓										
Partnerships and grants																								
Partnerships and grants that support healthy lifestyles and wellbeing							✓		✓	✓					✓		✓		✓		✓			
Workplaces																								
Support for healthy food in the workplace					✓		✓						✓									✓		
Support for safe and healthy workplaces					✓	✓	✓						✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Building a workforce to meet state, economic and community needs							✓	✓								✓		✓		✓				
Support for workplace mental wellbeing												✓	✓			✓								
The provision and management of office accommodation to enhance wellbeing					✓																			
Support for inclusion and cultural diversity		✓					✓			✓						✓			✓	✓	✓			

Strategy, policy or initiative	Department or agency																							
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Schools																								
Support for health and wellbeing of students (e.g. healthy food, mental health, alcohol, drugs, smoking, physical activity, safety, anti-bullying, diversity)				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓		✓					✓
Tobacco, alcohol and other drugs																								
Smokefree public places							✓																	
Smokefree enclosed workplaces							✓						✓											
Smokefree government buildings*							✓																	
Smokefree guidelines for funded organisations and events											✓													
Alcohol regulation, licensing and training										✓														
Advice on liquor license applications							✓			✓		✓												
Alcohol and other drug prevention, treatment and services									✓			✓					✓		✓					✓
Support for local government alcohol management activities							✓			✓		✓					✓							✓

*Noting that all government facilities are smokefree under a whole of Government policy



Domain 2: Healthy people and communities

Strategy, policy or initiative	Department or agency																							
	Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions	Communities	DevelopmentWA	Education	Finance	Fire and Emergency Services	Health	Jobs, Tourism, Science & Innovation	Justice	Local Govt, Sport & Cultural Industries	Lotterywest & Healthway	Mental Health Commission	Mines, Industry Regulation & Safety	Planning, Lands & Heritage	Primary Ind. & Regional Development	Public Sector Commission	Road Safety Commission	Training & Workforce Development	Transport	Treasury	VenuesWest	Water & Environmental Regulation	WA Police	
Community support																								
Prevention and support for families (inc. domestic violence), children/youth (inc. child abuse/neglect), vulnerable groups, people living in regional areas		✓		✓				✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓					✓	✓		✓
Support, inclusivity and opportunities for older adults (inc. age-friendly communities, elder abuse prevention)		✓																						
Policy and practice to reduce inequalities for Aboriginal people, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse people and people living in low socioeconomic conditions		✓		✓			✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Equitable, inclusive and safe delivery of health-related services for Aboriginal people, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse people and people living in low socioeconomic conditions		✓		✓			✓			✓	✓	✓			✓		✓							

Strategy, policy or initiative	Department or agency																							
	Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions	Communities	DevelopmentWA	Education	Finance	Fire and Emergency Services	Health	Jobs, Tourism, Science & Innovation	Justice	Local Govt, Sport & Cultural Industries	Lotterywest & Healthway	Mental Health Commission	Mines, Industry Regulation & Safety	Planning, Lands & Heritage	Primary Ind. & Regional Development	Public Sector Commission	Road Safety Commission	Training & Workforce Development	Transport	Treasury	VenuesWest	Water & Environmental Regulation	WA Police	
Alcohol and other drugs																								
Regulation, policy, education, health promotion and interventions (inc. counselling, and support programs)				✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓		✓					✓
Support for local governments, arts and sporting clubs to minimise harm from alcohol and other drugs							✓			✓	✓	✓					✓				✓			✓
Mental health																								
Prevention, education, early intervention, counselling and mental health support programs (including suicide prevention)				✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓						✓	✓		✓
Tobacco																								
Education and health promotion campaigns				✓			✓				✓		✓											
Enforcement of legislation, policy guidance							✓			✓														
Arts and culture																								
Promotion of engagement in the arts to promote community wellbeing											✓	✓							✓			✓		
Partnerships and grants																								
Grants to support community needs and wellbeing (arts, diversity, sport, recreation)		✓									✓	✓					✓		✓		✓			



Domain 3: Healthy food and drinks

Strategy, policy or initiative	Department or agency																							
	Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions	Communities	DevelopmentWA	Education	Finance	Fire and Emergency Services	Health	Jobs, Tourism, Science & Innovation	Justice	Local Govt, Sport & Cultural Industries	Lotterywest & Healthway	Mental Health Commission	Mines, Industry Regulation & Safety	Planning, Lands & Heritage	Primary Ind. & Regional Development	Public Sector Commission	Road Safety Commission	Training & Workforce Development	Transport	Treasury	VenuesWest	Water & Environmental Regulation	WA Police	
Local produce																								
Regulation to ensure safe, high-quality food						✓									✓									
Promotion and use of WA-grown produce										✓					✓									
Drinking water																								
Management of public drinking water						✓									✓								✓	
Community support and education																								
Healthy food and drink policy, provision and health promotion (including Healthy clubs)			✓			✓				✓	✓										✓			
Food safety and security																								
Food safety						✓				✓					✓									
Policy and planning to ensure food related access, supply and freight		✓												✓	✓				✓	✓				
Consumer protection against misleading claims and information (inc. labelling)						✓							✓											
Partnerships and grants																								
Healthy food and drink requirements at facilities, venues and funded events						✓				✓	✓											✓		



Domain 4: Healthy recreation

Strategy, policy or initiative	Department or agency																							
	Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions	Communities	DevelopmentWA	Education	Finance	Fire and Emergency Services	Health	Jobs, Tourism, Science & Innovation	Justice	Local Govt, Sport & Cultural Industries	Lotterywest & Healthway	Mental Health Commission	Mines, Industry Regulation & Safety	Planning, Lands & Heritage	Primary Ind. & Regional Development	Public Sector Commission	Road Safety Commission	Training & Workforce Development	Transport	Treasury	VenuesWest	Water & Environmental Regulation	WA Police	
Physical activity																								
Support to increase participation in physical activity (population level and target groups)	✓			✓			✓	✓		✓	✓				✓				✓		✓		✓	
Planning for WA's road, rail, cycle path and walking trails network	✓							✓		✓				✓					✓	✓			✓	
Planning and delivery of public spaces, facilities and infrastructure to encourage physical activity/ active transport	✓		✓		✓									✓	✓		✓		✓	✓				
Planning to improve cycling safety and convenience	✓		✓											✓			✓		✓					✓
Physical activity policy and health promotion programs				✓			✓												✓					
Arts and culture																								
Policy and programs that support the arts in to promote health and wellbeing					✓					✓	✓				✓				✓		✓			

Strategy, policy or initiative

	Department or agency																							
	Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions	Communities	DevelopmentWA	Education	Finance	Fire and Emergency Services	Health	Jobs, Tourism, Science & Innovation	Justice	Local Govt, Sport & Cultural Industries	Lotterywest & Healthway	Mental Health Commission	Mines, Industry Regulation & Safety	Planning, Lands & Heritage	Primary Ind. & Regional Development	Public Sector Commission	Road Safety Commission	Training & Workforce Development	Transport	Treasury	VenuesWest	Water & Environmental Regulation	WA Police	
Volunteering																								
Volunteering opportunities (e.g. Bush Rangers WA, DFES Youth programs, Police Rangers)	✓	✓		✓		✓				✓													✓	
Preventing injury and promoting safety																								
Water safety (including pools, swimming, marine, fishing)				✓			✓			✓			✓		✓				✓					
Accessible and safe recreational boating, fishing and water sports	✓												✓		✓				✓					
Policy, guidance and health promotion programs	✓			✓			✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓			
Healthy clubs (i.e. policy, health promotion, and address issues related to healthy eating, sun protection, smoking, injury prevention, alcohol and other drugs)							✓			✓	✓													
Responsible Gambling																								
Regulation of gambling and support programs to reduce gambling harm										✓	✓													

Strategy, policy or initiative

	Department or agency																							
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Tobacco, alcohol and other drugs																								
Promotion of smoke free environments							✓			✓	✓		✓											✓
Regulation of liquor licensing, policy, guidance, health promotion, counselling and support							✓			✓	✓	✓					✓		✓					
Alcohol management activity – support for local government							✓			✓		✓					✓							✓
Partnerships and grants																								
Sport, recreation, culture and the arts grants to support health and wellbeing								✓		✓	✓				✓		✓		✓			✓		
Partnerships to encourage healthy lifestyles and health promotion programs										✓	✓											✓		

7. WA Public Sector – Departments and Agencies

7.1 Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions

The [Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions](#) (DBCA) promotes biodiversity and conservation through sustainable management of WA's species, ecosystems, lands and attractions. The department comprises the [Parks and Wildlife Service](#), the [Conservation and Parks Commission](#), the [Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority](#), the [Zoological Parks Authority](#), the [Rottneest Island Authority](#), and the [Swan River Trust](#).

A. Areas of shared interest

- promoting recreation and physical activity in, and appreciation of WA's parks, wildlife and attractions
- promoting [health and safety to volunteers, visitors](#), employees and contractors
- potential for promotion of healthy food and drink options to visitors, volunteers, employees and contractors.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- [Strategic Directions 2018–21](#)
- Aboriginal [Kings Park Strategic Priorities 2020–2025](#)
- [Kings Park Management Plan 2021–26](#)
- [Bold Park Management Plan 2016–21](#)
- [Perth Zoo Strategic Plan](#)
- [Volunteers and community involvement](#)
- [Guide to Aboriginal customary activities.](#)

Initiatives

- youth programs – [Bush Rangers WA](#), [River Rangers WA](#), [A to Zoo](#), [Keeper Kids](#), [Zoo Crew](#), and [Wild Vets](#).
- [Aboriginal Ranger Program](#)
- volunteering opportunities – [Kings Park and Bold Park](#), [Rottneest Island](#), [River Guardians](#) and with the [Parks and Wildlife Service](#)
- recreation opportunities and attractions – [Explore Parks WA](#) and [Trails WA](#), [Poolgarla Family Area](#), [Swan Canning Riverpark](#)
- [Kings Park Festival](#)
- [Kings Park Education](#)
- [Perth Zoo Walks and Talks](#)

7.2 Department of Communities

The [Department of Communities](#) delivers disability services, child protection and family support, housing, and community and regional initiatives.

Overarching strategies and priorities relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

- [Strategic Plan 2019–2023](#)

7.2.1 Child protection

[Child protection](#) protects and cares for WA children and young people who are in need and supports families and individuals who are at risk or in crisis.

A. Areas of shared interest

- protecting and promoting the safety and wellbeing of children and young people.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- [Charter of Rights for Children and Young People in Care](#)

Initiatives

- [Volunteer youth mentoring service](#)
- [Parent support service](#)
- [Best Beginnings](#) – home visiting service for parents and children

7.2.2 Disability services

[Disability services](#) works to advance opportunities, community participation and quality of life for people with disability, to provide services and supports, and to fund non-government agencies to provide services to people with disability, their families and carers.

A. Areas of shared interest

- promoting health and wellbeing for people with disabilities
- promoting opportunities for recreation and leisure for people with disabilities
- [Disability Health Network](#) (led by the Department of Health).

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- [State Disability Strategy 2020–2030](#)

Initiatives

- [Office of Disability](#) to promote the rights and interests of people with disability and the broader sector

7.2.3 Office of Homelessness

The Office of Homelessness provides a dedicated focus on the stewardship, coordination, strategic planning, and practices relating to homelessness.

A. Areas of shared interest

- improving the health and wellbeing of people sleeping rough or experiencing homelessness.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- [All paths lead to a home. WA's 10-year strategy on homelessness 2020–2030](#)

Initiatives

- [Housing First Homelessness Initiative](#)
- [Homelessness Engagement Assessment Response Team \(HEART\) and the Safe Perth City Initiative](#)

7.2.4 Housing

[Housing](#) operates across the construction, property finance and human services sectors to create affordable housing opportunities for people who would otherwise have difficulty accessing appropriate housing. The housing portfolio includes the [Housing Authority](#) (an affordable housing provider involved in land development, housing construction and property management), [Keystart](#) (a transitional lender that provide loans to help people get into their home faster) and [Keystart Rural Home Loans](#) (meeting the needs of farmers, rural and regional business owners).

A. Areas of shared interest

- the provision of safe, secure housing for people on low incomes, providing an important basis for achieving positive social and public health outcomes.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- [WA Housing Strategy](#)

Initiatives

- [Home ownership options](#)
- [Rental Assistance Options](#)
- [Social Housing Economic Recovery Package](#)
- [Thrive Program](#) – supporting Aboriginal clients and public housing clients

7.2.5 Prevention of family and domestic violence

The Department of Communities is the lead agency coordinating strategy and policy direction on the prevention of family and domestic violence in WA. The department also plays a key role in the operational response to family and domestic violence in WA.

A. Areas of shared interest

- prevention of family and domestic violence.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- Path to Safety: [Western Australia's Strategy to Reduce Family and Domestic Violence 2020–2030](#)
- [Aboriginal Family Safety Strategy 2022–2032](#)

Initiatives

- [Family and Domestic Violence One Stop Hubs](#)
- [Women's Refuges](#)
- [Information and resources](#)

7.2.6 Remote Aboriginal communities

The [Remote Aboriginal Communities](#) portfolio works in partnership with Aboriginal people and across government to improve the lives of Aboriginal people living in remote communities and town-based communities.

A. Areas of shared interest

- reducing inequalities in health outcomes
- a healthy start to life to build resilience and enable children to reach their full potential
- better living conditions.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- [Resilient families, strong communities](#)

Initiatives

- [Improving power and water in Aboriginal communities](#)
- [Employment and Education Housing Program](#)
- [North-West Aboriginal Housing Fund](#)
- [District Leadership Groups](#) – leading and developing on-the-ground responses to achieve local outcomes

7.2.7 Seniors and ageing

The Department implements initiatives and strategies that support older people in ageing safely and happily, with dignity and respect.

A. Areas of shared interest

- age-friendly environments
- positive ageing.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- [WA Seniors Strategy](#)
- [WA Strategy to Respond to the Abuse of Older People \(Elder Abuse\) 2019–2029](#)
- [Creating Age-friendly Communities in Western Australia 2021](#)
- [Ageing with Choice: Future directions for seniors housing 2019–2024](#)

Initiatives

- [WA Seniors Card](#)
- [Age-friendly Communities](#)
- [Elder abuse awareness resources](#)

7.2.8 Volunteering

The Department partners with the community services sector to develop volunteer opportunities and encourage and assist people to become involved in volunteering.

A. Areas of shared interest

- enhancing social cohesion, growing community strength and inclusiveness, improved mental health.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- WA Volunteering Strategy

Initiatives

- [Volunteering publications and research](#)

7.2.9 Women's interests

The Department of Communities partners with community sector organisations to deliver initiatives and programs that contribute to driving gender equality in Western Australia.

A. Areas of shared interest

- health, wellbeing and safety of women and girls.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- [Stronger Together: WA's Plan for Gender Equality](#)

Initiatives

- [Women's grants for a stronger future](#)

7.2.10 Young people, children and families

The Department of Communities supports [young people, children and families](#) across WA through various initiatives, programs and strategies.

A. Areas of shared interest

- [supporting young people](#) affected by issues such as job losses, insecure employment, social isolation, and limited access to digital technology
- improving health and wellbeing outcomes for WA children and their families
- [support for carers and grand-carers](#).

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- [Beyond 2020 – WA Youth Action Plan](#)

Initiatives

- [Early Years Partnership](#)
- [Connecting Early Years Networks](#)
- [Cadets WA](#)

7.3 DevelopmentWA

[DevelopmentWA](#) is WA's central development agency, with a diverse portfolio of industrial, commercial and residential projects. It has the goal of delivering sustainable communities, prosperous industry and resilient regions across WA.

A. Areas of shared interest

- creating integrated and sustainable communities that are safe, healthy and enjoyable places to live, work and visit.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- [Planning frameworks for different project areas](#)

Initiatives

- [Residential Projects](#) – creating connected, inclusive and sustainable communities
- [Redevelopment Areas](#) – transforming places in and around Central Perth, Subiaco, Midland, Armadale and Scarborough

7.4 Department of Education

The [Department of Education](#) provides public education to Western Australian students and has a regulatory and funding role with the Independent and Catholic schools sector. The department works with Government and non-Government agencies to deliver and support a range of health and wellbeing programs for children, teachers and parents/carers.

A. Areas of shared interest

- the health and wellbeing of young people, including eating well and being active
- inclusion of healthy eating and being active in school curricula activities
- provision of healthy food options and a healthy food environment on school premises
- supporting students who may be experiencing mental or emotional challenges, including protection from and prevention of bullying.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- [Building on Strength: Future directions for the Western Australian public school system](#)
- [Alcohol and Other Drugs in the Workplace Policy](#)
- [Healthy Food and Drink in Public Schools Policy](#)
- [Recreation and Outdoor Education Activities for Public School Procedures](#)
- [Let's Take a Stand Together: Minister's Statement on School Violence](#)

Initiatives

- [Health and wellbeing](#) information and advice – [healthy living](#), [mental health](#), [drug education](#) including [e-cigarette use](#), [cyber safety](#) and [bullying](#)
- [School Drug Education and Road Aware](#) (SDERA) – providing a range of [resilience](#), [alcohol and other drugs](#) and [road safety](#) education programs for children, teenagers and parents in collaboration with other government departments and agencies
- Partnerships with other Departments and the not-for-profit sector to support the delivery of programs such as the Whole of School Healthy Eating Program, [Food Sensations for Schools Program](#), the [School Breakfast Program](#), [Learn. Cook. Share.](#) nutrition and cooking sessions, [Crunch&Sip](#), [Your Move](#), [Generation SunSmart](#), and the [Mentally Healthy Schools](#) program
- [Swimming lessons and instructor courses](#)

7.5 Department of Finance

The [Department of Finance](#), manages major state projects, leads government procurement, administers revenue, grant and subsidy schemes, and constructs and maintains government buildings.

A. Areas of shared interest

- commissioning of community services that are community and person-centred, sustainable, and inclusive
- procurement of population-wide public health programs through community service providers
- the provision of public art to enhance public spaces and contribute to community mental, social and physical wellbeing
- the provision and management of Government office accommodation which is consistent with Government policies for flexible working environments, sustainability, accessibility, a smoke-free environment, providing healthy food options, and supporting physical activity and use of active transport.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- [State Commissioning Strategy for Community Services](#)
- [Delivering Community Services in Partnership Policy](#)
- [Government Office Accommodation Policy](#)

Initiatives

- Activity Based Working – working environments across the public sector that promote flexibility, collaboration, innovation and wellbeing
- [Percent for Art Scheme](#) – jointly managed by the Department of Finance and the Department of Local Government, Sports and Cultural Industries which contracts WA artists to deliver artwork for new public buildings with a construction budget of over \$2 million

7.6 Department of Fire and Emergency Services

The [Department of Fire and Emergency Services](#) (DFES) performs a critical role in coordinating emergency services for a range of natural disasters and emergency incidents threatening life and property.

A. Areas of shared interest

- preventing and responding to emergency incidents that impact on the health and safety of Western Australians (including road crash rescue, extreme weather events, fires, road traffic emergencies and search and rescue on land and water).

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

- [DFES strategy 2020–24](#)

Initiatives

- [Volunteering with WA's 5 core emergency services](#)
- [School education](#)
- [Hazard planning information and advice](#)

7.7 Department of Health

The [Department of Health](#) is the system manager for the [WA health system](#). The Department provides stewardship, policy development, guidance and support to the system's health service providers (HSPs).

- HSPs are responsible and accountable for the delivery of safe, high quality, efficient, economical and sustainable health services to their local areas and communities. The HSPs are also important partners in public health and health promotion in their clinical settings and for their communities.
- WA's HSPs are the [Child and Adolescent Health Service](#), [North Metropolitan Health Service](#), [South Metropolitan Health Service](#), [East Metropolitan Health Service](#), [WA Country Health Service](#), [Health Support Services](#), [PathWest Laboratory Medicine WA](#) and the Quadriplegic Centre.
- More information on the structures and work of WA's HSPs is available from their websites.
- The Department of Health does not provide clinical services.

The Department of Health comprises the Office of the Director General, the Public and Aboriginal Health Division, the Clinical Excellence Division, the Strategy and Governance Division, and the Purchasing and System Performance Division.

This section only focusses on the preventive work of the Public and Aboriginal Health Division.

Overarching strategies and policies relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

- [Sustainable Health Review](#)
- [State Public Health Plan for Western Australia 2019–2024](#) and supporting resources
- [Western Australian Health Promotion Strategic Framework](#)
- [WA Healthy Weight Action Plan](#)
- [WA Cancer Plan 2020–2025](#)

- [Climate Health WA Inquiry Final Report](#)
- [WA Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing Framework 2015–2030](#) and [Implementation Guide](#)

7.7.1 Public and Aboriginal Health Division

The [Public and Aboriginal Health Division](#) is responsible for protecting and promoting the health of the WA population by applying primary preventive measures, promoting healthy behaviours and environments, and intervening to reduce hazards to health. Information on each of the areas of PAHD can be found at links below. Chronic Disease Prevention Directorate is described in more detail in [7.7.2](#).

- [Office of the Chief Health Officer](#)
- [Aboriginal Health](#)
- [Environmental Health](#)
- [Communicable Diseases](#)
- [Epidemiology](#)
- [Population Health Genomics](#)
- [Chronic Disease Prevention](#)
- [Disaster management](#)

A. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Initiatives

- [Public Health Planning Guide for Local Government](#)
- [Population health statistics](#) – reports and fact sheets, including the [Western Australian Burden of Disease Study 2015](#) and the [WA Health and Wellbeing Surveillance System](#)
- [The Well Collaborative](#) – a project undertaken by WA Health, the Health Consumer's Council and WA Primary Health Alliance.

7.7.2 Chronic Disease Prevention Directorate

The Chronic Disease Prevention Directorate (CDPD) leads statewide action to empower and enable Western Australians to lead healthier lives by supporting equitable and sustainable improvements in health behaviours and environments.

CDPD targets common risk factors for preventable chronic disease. These are:

- smoking
- living with overweight and obesity, which includes policies that support healthy eating and active living
- drinking alcohol at harmful levels.

Supporting healthy behaviours and creating safer environments also help reduce the risk of injury, which is a major cause of preventable disability and death.

CDPD takes a population-wide perspective, encouraging healthy behaviours in people who are well or at risk of developing chronic disease or being injured. CDPD supports the improvement of health literacy and better health – promoting policies and outcomes for WA's culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

A. Areas of focus

- leading the development and promotion of WA Health statewide policy and plans, and contributing to the development of national frameworks to support chronic disease and injury prevention
- providing strategic and operational direction for the appropriate provision of services to prevent chronic disease and injury in WA
- commissioning high quality, evidence-based population-wide health promotion programs
- establishing strong relationships with major public health stakeholders across government, the not for profit sector and the community
- developing and promoting policies, practices and services that build the health system's cultural competency and strengthen accessibility, safety and quality of services and programs for socially, culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to chronic disease and injury prevention

Strategies and policies

- [Western Australian Health Promotion Strategic Framework](#)
- [Smoke Free WA Health System Policy](#)
- [Healthy Options WA Food and Nutrition Policy](#)
- [WA Health Language Services Policy](#)

Initiatives

- Statewide prevention programs for obesity prevention, nutrition and physical activity – [LiveLighter®](#), [FreshSNAP](#), a whole of school healthy eating program, and the [Active8](#) and [Better Health Program](#), healthy lifestyle programs for children who are above a healthy weight and their families.
- Statewide tobacco control programs – [Make Smoking History](#), [WA Quitline](#)
- Statewide injury prevention programs – Falls Prevention Program ([Stay on Your Feet®](#)), Child Safety Program ([home safety](#), [play and recreation safety](#), [safer products advocacy](#) and [childhood injury research and statistics](#)), Water Safety Program ([Keep Watch](#), [Youth Water Safety](#), [Adult Water Safety Program](#), [Drowning Data, Reporting and Education](#)), Partnership and Sector Development Program ([Know Injury](#))
- [Health Promotion Inventory](#) – an interactive dashboard that displays information on health promotion programs across WA that aim to reduce the burden of chronic disease and injury in WA
- [Evaluation Framework and Implementation Guide](#) – a guide developed to assist with evaluation of health promotion programs funded by CDPD.

7.8 Infrastructure Western Australia

[Infrastructure WA](#) (IWA) is a statutory body responsible for providing expert advice to the WA Government on the State's infrastructure needs and priorities. IWA was established in July 2019 and is governed by the *Infrastructure Western Australia Act 2019*. IWA is also responsible for planning for the State's long-term infrastructure development.

A. Areas of shared interest

- planning for connected, liveable and resilient communities for Western Australians.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- [State Infrastructure Strategy – Foundations for a stronger tomorrow](#)

7.9 Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation

The [Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation](#) leads WA's economic development, tourism, international trade and investment, and promotes the defence, international education, science and innovation sectors.

The department includes the Veterans Office, which develops policies and initiatives that support and promote the wellbeing of the veteran community.

A. Areas of shared interest

- promoting the wellbeing of WA veterans and their families
- promoting the wellbeing of Western Australians through engagement with tourism, the natural environment, recreational activities and creative events
- innovation in health and medical sciences as it relates to population-wide prevention of chronic disease and injury.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

- [Western Australian Veterans and Families Strategy](#)
- [Health and Medical Life Sciences Industry Strategy](#)

7.10 Department of Justice

The [Department of Justice](#) supports the community, government, judiciary and parliament by providing access to high quality justice, legal and corrective services, information and products.

The [Commissioner for Victims of Crime](#) supports and advocates for victims of crime in WA.

The [Corrective Services Division](#) is responsible for the State's adult prison and youth detention populations, as well as adults and young people living in the community who are being managed by community corrections.

A. Areas of shared interest

- strong communities, safe communities and supported families
- health, safety and rehabilitation of detainees, prisoners and offenders.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- [WA Prison Drug Strategy 2018–2021](#)

Initiatives

- [Education and health awareness programs](#)

7.11 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

The [Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries](#) (DLGSC) works collaboratively with government, community organisations, peak bodies and other stakeholders to create a vibrant, inclusive and connected WA community. DGLSC's portfolio areas are Local Government, Racing, Gaming and Liquor, Sport and Recreation, Culture and the Arts, Aboriginal culture and the Office of Multicultural interests.

Overarching strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to chronic disease prevention

Strategies and policies

- [Strategic Directions: 2020–2023](#)

Initiatives

- [Child safeguarding](#) – ensuring the safety of children when participating in arts, cultural, community, sporting and recreation activities

7.11.1 Local Government

The department partners with [Local Government](#) to deliver good governance to the community.

A. Areas of shared interest

- Local Government public health planning (as required under the *Public Health Act 2016*)
- Strengthening community engagement and meeting of community needs.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

- Support for [Integrated planning and reporting](#) for local governments

7.11.2 Sport and recreation

[Sport and recreation](#) promotes participation and achievement in sport and recreation to support a healthy lifestyle for all Western Australians through physical activity.

A. Areas of shared interest

- facilitating public engagement with sporting, cultural and recreational spaces and places
- increasing physical activity across the whole community through sport and recreation
- development of sport and recreation facilities in WA communities.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- [WA Hiking Strategy: Bushwalking and trail running in Western Australia 2020–2030](#)
- [WA Strategic Trails Blueprint 2017–2021](#)
- [KidSport policy](#)
- Junior sport policies including: [forming links](#), [long-term involvement](#), [making sport safe](#), [people making it happen](#), [quality coaching](#), [sport pathways](#), [youth sport](#), [physical growth and maturation](#), and [the law and sport](#)

Initiatives

- [Volunteers](#)
- [KidSport](#) financial assistance
- [Healthy clubs](#) – supporting health changes in clubs
- [Funding programs](#) to promote participation and achievement in sport and recreation
- [Nature Play WA Inc](#) – working increase the time children spend in unstructured play outdoors and in nature

7.11.3 Culture and the Arts

[Culture and the Arts](#) promotes participation and achievement in culture and arts to support growth of the cultural industries.

A. Areas of shared interest

- supporting local connection, resilience and mental wellbeing within the community
- promoting greater integration of arts and health policy and practice
- improved mental, social and physical community health outcomes through engagement with the arts.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- [Strategic Directions 2016–2031 – Arts Leadership Group](#)
- [Western Australian Cultural Infrastructure Framework 2030+](#)

Initiatives

- [Culture and the arts funding](#)
- [Aboriginal arts and culture](#)
- [WA Museums](#)
- [Public Art](#) and [Percent for Art Scheme](#)
- [Regional Arts](#)
- WA Arts and Health Consortium – a reference group drawn from other parts of the arts and health sectors, seeking innovative, practical and sustainable ways to use the arts to improve health and wellbeing in WA

7.11.4 Aboriginal culture

[Aboriginal culture](#) recognises, celebrates and acknowledges the diverse Aboriginal cultures and history of our State to achieve lasting benefits for Aboriginal people and the broader community.

A. Areas of shared interest

- supporting and improving the wellbeing and social connection of Aboriginal people.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Initiatives

- [Aboriginal Cultural Centre](#) – a flagship infrastructure project
- [Reconciliation and history projects](#)
- [Aboriginal History Research Services](#)
- Support for [Aboriginal arts and culture](#)
- Information on [funding for programs and projects](#)

7.11.5 Office of Multicultural interests

The [Office of Multicultural Interests](#) (OMI) develops strategies to assist culturally diverse communities, the wider community, business and industry groups, government and non-government agencies to develop a society that values and maximises the benefits of cultural diversity. OMI also develop policies and provides information, advice, funding, training, programs and services that are accessible and responsive to the needs of a diverse WA community.

A. Areas of shared interest

- enable equitable participation of culturally and linguistically diverse communities across all aspects of society, and promoting, supporting and celebrating WA's cultural diversity
- provision of cultural competency and accessible [language services](#) (including interpreters)
- equity in health outcomes and access to care for CaLD people.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to chronic disease prevention

Strategies and policies

- [WA Language Services Policy 2020](#)
- [WA Multicultural Policy Framework](#)

Initiatives

- [Events and training](#) to celebrate and support multiculturalism and multicultural competency, including [Harmony Week](#) and [Diverse WA training](#)
- A range of [community funding programs](#)

7.11.6 Racing, Gaming and Liquor

[Racing, Gaming and Liquor](#) is responsible for regulating and maintaining the integrity of lawful racing, gambling and liquor activities in WA.

A. Areas of shared interest

- fostering responsible service of alcohol and a safe drinking culture in WA
- reducing alcohol-related harm, violence and ill-health
- addressing the harm and social issues that result from gambling
- reducing exposure of children and young people to the promotion and supply of alcohol and promotion of gambling.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- [Liquor policies](#) to ensure the responsible regulation of the hospitality industry
- [Racing, gaming and wagering policies](#) that ensure community gaming and the industry meet their regulatory obligations
- [Problem Gambling Support Services Committee Strategic Plan 2017–2020](#)

Initiatives

- [Management and training](#) for safe service of alcohol
- Help for [problem gambling](#)
- [Banned Drinkers Register](#) trial

7.12 Lotterywest and Healthway

[Lotterywest](#) and [Healthway](#) are WA's major grants-distributing agencies. Lotterywest and Healthway are separate legal entities and operate under different legislation, but to ensure consistency in decision-making and governance they have the same Chief Executive Officer and share a common Board Chair and Board. Lotterywest and Healthway support WA's health, sports and arts sectors, as well as Local Government Authorities and not-for-profit groups in furthering community wellbeing, and charitable and benevolent purposes.

Overarching strategies and priorities relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

- [Community Investment Framework](#)

7.12.1 Lotterywest

[Lotterywest](#) operates WA's State-owned lottery and a leading provider of grants to not-for-profit organisations and local government authorities, as well as a statutory funder of the Government's Health, Sports and Arts sectors. Lotterywest's vision is 'building a better WA together'. Areas of shared interest:

- enhancing the quality of life and wellbeing of all Western Australians
- minimising the risks and raise awareness about gambling harms and supporting counselling and information services.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- [Lotterywest Strategic Plan 2018–2023](#)

Initiatives

- [Grants program](#) – providing funding across 5 priority areas: Inclusive thriving communities, Connected cultural experiences, Protected sustainable ecosystems, Smart innovative society, and Active healthy people (in partnership with Healthway – see [7.12.2](#) below)
- [Play Responsibly](#) – advice and links to services to help with problem gambling
- [Gambling Safety Program](#)

7.12.2 Healthway

[Healthway](#) is a health promotion agency dedicated to improving the health of all Western Australians. Healthway supports local community initiatives, programs, research, and partnerships that empower the community to adopt healthier lifestyles. Healthway works in partnership with sports, arts, racing, and community event organisations, as well as health and research organisations to build a healthier WA.

A. Areas of shared interest

- reducing the common modifiable risk factors for chronic disease, improving mental health, and preventing illicit drug use, particularly among children and young people
- promoting and facilitating good health and activities that encourage healthy lifestyles for Western Australians, in particular children and young people, Aboriginal people, people living in rural and remote communities, and people disadvantaged through economic, physical, cultural, social or educational factors
- promotion of selected Department of Health and Mental Health Commission-owned health messages through Healthway's sponsorship program.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- [Healthway Strategic Plan – active healthy people 2018–2023](#)
- Policies outlining conditions relating to health and wellbeing for funding recipients, including [Minimum Health Requirements policy](#), [Healthy Food and Drink Provision within Healthway Partnerships policy](#), [Co-sponsorship policy](#), [Smoking in the Arts policy](#), [Tobacco company involvement](#)

Initiatives

- [Healthy Partnership Program](#) – funding to sports, arts, racing and community events to provide healthy environments and to educate and promote good health
- [Healthy Spaces Program](#) funding for providing healthy environments in sport and recreation settings
- [Healthy Communities Program](#) funding for health promotion projects in the community
- [Healthy Research Program](#) funding for health promotion research

7.13 Mental Health Commission

The [Mental Health Commission](#) (MHC) works to establish mental health, alcohol and other drug systems that meet the needs of Western Australia's population and deliver quality outcomes for individuals and their families. The MHC commissions, provides and partners in the delivery of [prevention, promotion and early intervention programs](#), treatment, services and supports, and research, policy and system improvements.

A. Areas of shared interest

- increasing optimal mental health and wellbeing
- reducing the incidence of mental illness, suicide attempts and suicide
- preventing and reducing alcohol and other drug-related harm in the Western Australian community
- providing support to the Chief Health Officer, Department of Health in responding to [liquor license applications](#).

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- [The Western Australian Mental Health Promotion, Mental Illness, Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Plan 2018–2025](#)
- [Western Australian Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug Services Plan 2015–2025: Better Choices. Better Lives](#)
- [Young People's Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drug Use: Priorities for Action 2020–2025](#)
- [WA State Priorities Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs 2020–2024](#)
- [Western Australian Alcohol and Drug Interagency Strategy 2018–2022](#)
- [Western Australian Suicide Prevention Framework 2021–2025](#)
- [Methamphetamine Action Plan](#)

Initiatives

- [Information](#) and [resources](#) on a range of mental health and wellbeing topics
- [Mental Health Network](#) – supporting implementation of the *Western Australian Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug Services Plan 2015–2025*
- [Drug and Alcohol Strategic Senior Officers' Group](#) – a multi-agency group chaired by MHC that provides a whole-of-government approach to addressing alcohol and other drug issues
- Public health campaigns including [Alcohol.Think Again](#), [Drug Aware](#), [Strong Spirit Strong Mind Aboriginal programs](#), [Think Mental Health](#)
- Funding for mental health and wellbeing organisations and services including: [Act Belong Commit](#), [Lifeline WA](#), [Aussie Optimism](#), [beyondblue](#), [Helping Minds](#), [Inclusion WA](#), [Living Proud](#), [MATES in Construction](#), [Regional Men's Health Initiative](#), Three Tier Youth Mental Health Program ([Peel](#) and [Warren Blackwood](#)), Local Drug Action Groups, [School Drug Education and Road Aware](#) (SDERA – see 6.4 Department of Education)

7.14 Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety

The [Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety](#) (DMIRS) supports a safe, fair and responsible future for the Western Australian community. It has the roles of regulating the building and mining industries, promoting industry safety, health and environmental standards, and consumer protection.

The Industry Regulation and Consumer Protection Group within the department works to ensure a fair trading environment for consumers and traders and that building, plumbing, gas and electricity services are safe. [Consumer protection](#) develops, enforces and promotes legislation that protects consumers, and provides advice and information for consumers, businesses, landlords and tenants.

The Safety Regulation Group has a number of roles, including overseeing the regulatory and policy requirements of workers' health and safety in the resources and general industries sectors, and safety legislation for dangerous goods, including the State's major hazard facilities, and petroleum operations. [Worksafe](#) works with employers, employees and employee representatives to set up and maintain systems of work so that employees are not exposed to hazards, in line with WA work health and safety laws.

A. Areas of shared interest

- work environments that are safe, fair and protect and promote wellbeing
- consumer protection and product safety, resulting in prevention of injury.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- [Strategic Plan – Towards 2025](#)
- [Code of practice – Mentally healthy workplaces for fly-in fly-out \(FIFO\) workers in the resources and construction sectors](#)
- [Health and hygiene management – understanding your responsibilities and regulatory requirements](#)

Initiatives

- [Product safety](#) information and advice

7.15 Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage

The [Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage](#) is responsible for planning and managing land and heritage for all Western Australians. The Department's key focus areas are Aboriginal heritage and lands management, Crown land administration, historic heritage conservation services, integrated land and infrastructure policy development, and land use planning and policy development.

The [Western Australian Planning Commission](#) is a statutory authority with statewide responsibility for urban, rural and regional integrated strategic and statutory land use planning and land development.

A. Areas of shared interest

- the relationship between the natural and built environments and health and community wellbeing
- the importance of cultural heritage for the benefit of present and future generations
- the creation of better and healthier places to live and work for all Western Australians (including liveable neighbourhoods and vibrant and liveable communities).

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- [State planning framework](#)
- [State planning strategy 2050](#)
- [State planning policies](#)
- [Liveable neighbourhoods](#)
- [Design WA policies](#)
- [Directions 2031 framework](#)

Initiatives

- [METRONET](#) (with the Transport Portfolio)
- [Metropolitan planning projects and initiatives](#)
- [Heritage Works Program](#)
- [Yamatji Nation Agreement](#) – projects for the protection of Yamatji heritage and culture

7.16 Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

The [Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development](#) works to develop and protect WA's agriculture, food sector and aquatic resources, and to build vibrant regions with strong economies. An important part of the department's role is to safeguard the sustainability of natural resources and accelerate ongoing economic growth, job creation and regional development, including the growth of strong regional communities that are desirable places to live, work and invest. The department also delivers systems and support to industry in animal welfare, biosecurity, and ethical and sustainable production to meet community expectations and enhance the reputation of our primary industries.

A. Areas of shared interest

- the impact of climate change, fire, weather and the sustainable use of natural resources to maintain and produce clean and safe food, water, products and services
- health and wellbeing in regional communities
- biosecurity and sustainable supply of nutritious foods for Western Australians.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- [Strategic Intent 2022–2026](#)
- [Primary Industries Plan 2020–2024](#)

Initiatives

- [Climate change](#) information and advice
- Support for innovation and excellence in the WA [food and beverage](#) industry
- [Food safety](#) advice and guidance across the supply chain
- [Buy West Eat Best](#) food labelling program
- Royalties for Regions to develop vibrant regional communities that are desirable places to live and work

7.17 Public Sector Commission

The role of the [Public Sector Commission](#) is to strengthen the efficiency, effectiveness and capability of the public sector to meet existing and emerging needs, and deliver high quality services. The commission's legislated role also includes maintaining and advocating for public sector professionalism and integrity.

A. Areas of shared interest

- WA public sector employee health and wellbeing
- a sector-wide approach to improving workplace diversity, cultural awareness and inclusion.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- [Leading with Impact: Strategic Plan 2023–26 for the Public Sector Commission](#)
- [Leadership commitment to a safe and healthy workplace](#)
- [Workforce Diversification and Inclusion Strategy for WA Public Sector Employment 2020–2025](#) – with subsidiary plans for [Women](#), [Youth](#), [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people](#), [Culturally and linguistically diverse people](#), [People with disability](#) and [People of diverse sexualities and genders](#)

Initiatives

- [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural awareness training](#) – mandatory online training for WA public sector employees
- Guidance for public sector agencies including [Family and domestic violence support](#), [Prevention of workplace bullying in the WA public sector](#) and [Providing a supportive and resilient workplace](#)

7.18 Road Safety Commission of WA

The [Road Safety Commission](#) (RSC) is business unit within WA Police (see section [7.24](#)) reports to the Minister for Road Safety. The RSC is dedicating to tackling road trauma, and collaborates with key stakeholders within Government agencies, the private sector and the community through education campaigns and community engagement and grants. The Commission implements WA's road safety strategy and advocates for a 'Safe System' approach to road safety using the principals of Safe Road Use, Safe Roads and Roadsides, Safe Speeds, and Safe Vehicles.

The [Road Safety Council](#) operates under the *Road Safety Council Act 2002*. The Council's membership includes the Western Australia Police Force, Main Roads Western Australia, Department of Transport; Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, Western Australian Local Government Association, Department of Health, Department of Education, Insurance Commission of Western Australia, and the Royal Automobile Club of Western Australia. The Road Safety Council sets priorities based on crash trends and makes recommendations to the Minister for Police and Road Safety.

[The Road Trauma Trust Account](#) receives all revenue from photographic speed and red-light camera fines in WA. The funds are managed by the Road Safety Commission and provided to implement priority road safety projects that address road safety initiatives consistent with state strategy.

A. Areas of shared interest

- prevention and reduction of injury and death from road trauma for all road users.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- [Driving Change – Road Safety Strategy for Western Australia 2020–2030](#)

Initiatives

- [Community grants](#) – to promote road safety across the state (funded by the Road Trauma Trust Account)
- Road safety public education campaigns including: [No one plans a crash](#), [Not Worth It](#), and [Let's roll together, safely](#)
- [Your Licence Is Your Life](#) – free app to help improve road awareness across vulnerable driver groups including Aboriginal Australians, the CaLD community and young people
- [Road Safety Games](#) – online games to test driving skills and road safety knowledge
- Funding for road safety programs for schools – [School Drug Education and Road Aware](#) (SDERA – see [7.4](#) Department of Education)

7.19 Department of Training and Workforce Development

The [Department of Training and Workforce Development](#) provides leadership in training and workforce development to drive a responsive, flexible and quality training system that will meet the needs of industry and build a strong and successful future for WA.

A. Areas of shared interest

- building an inclusive and resilient workforce through vocational training and skilled migration to meet the economic and community needs of WA
- developing skills to meet the growing demand of WA's social assistance and allied health sectors.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- [Strategic plan 2019–23](#)
- [WA State Training Plan 2022–23](#)

Initiatives

- [Free or reduced fee courses](#) to boost capacity in workforce in skills areas where there are shortages including aged and disability care, tourism, allied health, social assistance, and to major infrastructure projects such as METRONET
- [Aboriginal services jobs board](#) – assisting and supporting Aboriginal jobseekers in WA to find employment
- [Your life experience](#) – advice for Aboriginal people, CaLD people, people with lived experience of disability, young and older workers, and women returning to the workforce
- [Learning support and assistance](#) – registered training providers who are approved to deliver courses in the participation – Equity program including mentoring, counselling, assistance with meals, transport, childcare, language and literacy.

7.20 Transport Portfolio

The [Transport Portfolio](#) encompasses the Department of Transport, Main Roads WA, the Public Transport Authority, METRONET, the Westport Taskforce, the Portfolio Strategic projects Office, and the Office of Major Transport Delivery. The agencies work together to deliver world-class outcomes through integrated and intelligent transport systems and services.

A. Areas of shared interest

- an integrated, safe and efficient transport infrastructure that supports vibrant, healthy and sustainable communities.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- [Connecting People and Places Transport Portfolio 2020–21](#)

Initiatives

- [METRONET](#) – the single largest investment in public transport ever in Perth, with a vision of a well-connected Perth with more transport, housing and employment choices
- [Westport](#) – a long-term initiative to investigate, plan, build infrastructure and manage the timely shift of maritime trades from Fremantle to Kwinana

7.20.1 Department of Transport

The [Department of Transport](#) develops strategic plans and policy, and provides services for coastal infrastructure, marine safety, on-demand transport, and driver and vehicle services.

A. Areas of shared interest

- infrastructure, programs and policies which encourage and support safe active travel
- safety on and around water
- safe and reliable supply chains for fresh foods.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- [Strategic Plan 2020–25](#)
- The METRONET strategies for [Aboriginal Engagement](#), [Public Art](#) and environmental, social and economic [Sustainability](#)
- [The Perth Greater CBD Transport Plan](#)
- [Perth and Peel @ 3.5million](#)
- [WA Bicycle Network Plan](#)
- [Freight plans](#) (including supply chain strategies)

Initiatives

- Information and programs about [active transport](#), including [Your Move](#)
- [Recreational boating](#) information and resources covering [boating safety](#) and [water-sports](#)
- A wide range of [cycling projects and programs](#)
- [Bicycle rules, standards and safety](#) – information for WA’s cyclists and users of eRideables
- [WA Bike Month](#)

7.20.2 Main Roads Western Australia

[Main Roads WA](#) is responsible for WA’s road network. Main Roads works to ensure that the state’s roads meet the needs of the community, industry and stakeholders, and strives to provide safe and reliable roads, bridges and paths.

A. Areas of shared interest

- development and maintenance of major road infrastructure, programs and policies which encourage and support access and safe travel in WA including active transport
- contributing to healthy environments and community wellbeing by providing amenities such as noise attenuation, preservation and revegetation programs, landscaping, and public art.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- [Keeping WA Moving](#)
- [Road Safety Management System](#) (ROSMA)

Initiatives

- [Road safety programs](#) that deliver safety improvements to high-risk roads
- [Metropolitan Road Projects](#) – projects to improve congestion, reduce travel time and support the future expansion of Perth
- [Regional Road Projects](#) – upgrading and expanding road networks to improve safety, connectivity and access for locals and tourists
- [Public art](#) – commissioning of public art and urban design projects on transport infrastructure around the state

7.20.3 Public Transport Authority

The [Public Transport Authority](#) (PTA) is responsible for designing, building and maintaining WA's public transport infrastructure, as well as the delivery of public transport services including rail, bus and ferry, and school bus services. The PTA supports walking and cycling to access train and bus stations.

A. Areas of shared interest

- development of infrastructure, programs and policies which encourage and support safe active travel in WA.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- [PTA Strategic Plan 2021–2025](#)
- [PTA Connecting Station Routes – Cycle Design Guidelines](#)
- [Bus Stop Design Guidelines](#)

Initiatives

- [Cycling and walking infrastructure](#) around train and bus stations
- [Accessible travel](#) for people with disabilities, parents with prams, people carrying luggage, people with injuries and seniors
- [Safety initiatives](#) including protective features at railway level crossings and [safety education programs](#) and [campaigns](#)
- Public art installations at railway stations

7.21 Department of Treasury

The [Department of Treasury](#) is at the centre of the State Government's decision-making processes about where and how taxpayer's money is spent to ensure Western Australians have access to quality services on a financially sustainable basis. Treasury is the principal economic and financial advisor to Government and steward of the State's financial management and regulatory frameworks.

A. Areas of shared interest

- a sustainable health system that capitalises on the opportunities for demand management strategies provided by prevention of disease and injury
- innovation and best practice in policy and program evaluation
- development and validation of key performance indicators and other measures of effectiveness
- robust development of business cases for preventive health initiatives
- best practice regulation.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- [Strategic Plan 2021–24](#)

Initiatives

- [Program Evaluation Guide](#) – developed for Western Australian Government agencies undertaking the evaluation of government funded programs
- Facilitation of the [WA Government Agencies Evaluation Community of Practice](#) to enable connections, targeted discussion and knowledge-sharing between evaluation representatives from government agencies

7.22 VenuesWest

[VenuesWest](#) owns and manages thirteen sport and entertainment venues on behalf of the State Government. These are the Bendat Basketball Centre, the Champion Lakes Regatta Centre, the Gold Netball Centre, HBF Arena, HBF Stadium, HBF Park, the Optus Stadium, the RAC Arena, Perth Motorplex, SpeedDome, WA Athletics Stadium, WA Institute of Sport High Performance Service Centre, and the WA Rugby Centre.

A. Areas of shared interest

- provision of safe, state-of-the-art sporting facilities for the community, athletes and sports teams
- provision of safe, state-of-the-art facilities for hosting arts, entertainment, recreation and music events
- increasing participation in physical activity, recreation and the arts for people of all ages and abilities
- provision of healthy food and drink options within venues
- promotion of active transport to VenuesWest sites.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- [Strategic Plan 2022–2027](#)

Initiatives

- Healthy and fresh food options at Lemon Tree Café at the HBF Arena, Joondalup, and the HBF Stadium, Mount Claremont

7.23 Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

The [Department of Water and Environmental Regulation](#) (DWER) manages and regulates WA's environment and water resources. DWER acts to ensure that:

- WA's water resources meet the needs of the community, ecosystems and economic development
- environmental values are protected, and that development is sustainable
- the harmful impact of waste is reduced and that a low-waste, circular economy is created
- climate change impacts are mitigated, emissions are reduced, and greater environmental and community resilience is developed.

The department provides services to the [Environmental Protection Authority](#), an independent statutory body that conducts environmental impact assessments and develops policies to protect the environment and to prevent, control and abate pollution and environmental harm.

A. Areas of shared interest

- provision and protection of appropriate, healthy and sustainable water supplies for communities, agriculture and industry
- protecting and maintaining air quality in WA
- supporting a cool, green and liveable Perth
- developing a community that is resilient to climate change
- protection of the environment for present and future generations.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- [Water and Environmental Regulation strategic plan 2022–26](#)
- [Electric Vehicle Strategy](#)
- [Western Australian Climate Change Policy](#)
- [Waterwise Perth action plan](#)
- [Western Australia’s Plan for Plastics](#)

Initiatives

- [Clean Energy Future Fund](#) – supporting the implementation of clean energy projects in WA
- [Cockburn Area Air Monitoring Program](#)
- [Containers for Change](#), providing an incentive for Western Australians to recycle and reduce litter and waste going to landfill
- [Peel Integrated Water Initiative](#) – supporting climate-independent, sustainable and secure water use for the Transform Peel program, and environmental benefits for generations

7.24 Western Australian Police Force

The [Western Australian Police Force](#) is responsible for policing the state of WA, the world’s largest single police jurisdiction. WA Police enforces state laws in communities and on the roads, collaborates with partners to prevent crime and protect the community, and coordinates multi-agency approaches to manage emergencies. The WA Road Safety Commission is an independent business unit within WA Police (see Section [7.18](#)).

A. Areas of shared interest

- programs that contribute to safer neighbourhoods, injury prevention (including reducing the risk of experiencing violence), improved mental health
- activities for youth that promote health and wellbeing and discourage drug and alcohol use
- reduction of road trauma.

B. Strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to prevention of chronic disease and injury

Strategies and policies

- [Strategic Framework](#)

Initiatives

- [Community Safety Crime Prevention \(CPSC\) Plans](#) – support for local governments to promote crime prevention within the community
- Constable Care Foundation – safety and crime prevention programs for children and young people
- [Police and Community Youth Centres](#) – providing disadvantaged children and young people at risk across WA with a safe place to go. PCYC provide a variety of [recreational activities](#), [education and training](#) courses, [school holiday programs](#), and programs including [Drive to the Future](#), and [safeSPACE™](#)
- [Blue Light™](#) Youth Activity Units – managed by Police Officers in remote and rural areas across Western Australia where there is no PCYC Centre
- [Police Rangers Units](#) – training programs in selected secondary schools throughout WA
- [ThinkUKnow](#) – online safety for students and parents/carers
- Information and advice on a range of issues including [personal safety](#) in a range of settings, family violence, child abuse, and alcohol and other drugs

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