

Miles to go: Decrim is only the beginning

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Good Guide to Compassionate Termination of Pregnancy Care in Queensland

- ▶ Designed to support clinical and non-clinical staff to provide timely person/woman-centred abortion care.
- ▶ Is underpinned by evidence-based practice and the principles of person/woman-centred care, cultural safety, comprehensive abortion care and trauma-informed practice.
- ▶ Is relevant to any Queensland service or setting, public or private, that provides any aspect of ToPcare.
- ▶ Applied in conjunction with the applicable laws, practice frameworks, clinical guidelines and professional standards and codes, and alongside an understanding of/connection to Country/culture/mob/communities.
- ▶ Interpreted considering the unique context of each individual health service or setting.
- ▶ The Guidelines are not exhaustive. They are designed to enable, rather than rigidly define, and in turn, limit, what it means to provide compassionate ToP care.
- ▶ The Guidelines are designed to be both embedded in service provision and inform the development of ToP services and aspirations of health services.

The Guide centres around

- ▶ 1. Consumer-led & grassroot situated service design
 - ▶ 2. Universal access
 - ▶ 3. Compassionate Care
 - ▶ 4. Workforce support
- ▶ 5. Data collection & protection

The Gippsland Abortion Care Cascade

- ▶ Co-designed with local providers, community, educators and other subject matter experts
- ▶ Focusses on speed and efficiency
- ▶ Prioritises patient preferences
- ▶ Positions abortion care as a community responsibility – not an individual one (clinician or patient)
- ▶ Is locally focused but should be universally applicable

The Abortion Care Cascade

- ▶ 1. Diagnosis (and pre-diagnosis understanding of pregnancy)
 - ▶ 2. Entry into care
 - ▶ 3. Initiation of preferred care
 - ▶ 4. Completion of abortion care
 - ▶ 5. Follow up and adjacent care



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