|  |
| --- |
| **Strengthening the Queensland prevention system: designing and measuring impact** |
| **Setting/problem**In a health system accustomed to well-defined and measurable clinical functions, strengthening and developing the State prevention agenda and monitoring impacts and influences can be challenging.**Intervention**The Health and Wellbeing Unit within the Prevention Division in Queensland Health, Australia has embedded into practice an innovative cycle of planning, tracking and reviewing performance to highlight the value and contribution of prevention within the health system. With a focus on environments, systems and population health outcomes, indicators have been developed to capture the diversity of work, array of intended outcomes and systems’ impact. **Outcomes**A Health and Wellbeing Strategic Framework sets a prevention-focused pathway for achieving improved health through healthy weight, smoking prevention and skin cancer prevention. The Framework provides for the identification, delivery and progress reporting of priority actions. It supports the Department of Health’s strategic objectives, and emphasises partnership with other sectors in a) creating healthy environments and b) empowering people. Progress towards the achievement of key indicators for the Framework and ambitious 2026 targets was reported for 2017 and 2018 in accordance with a Performance Measurement Strategy, including analysis against 7 key questions and 29 agreed process, impact and system indicators. The performance review report draws together diverse outcomes from different population groups to measure impact. The report is an important public record of prevention efforts and outcomes and has been used in executive and planning committees to prioritise prevention and inform policy.Identifying achievements and determining drivers of implementation and system change led to strengthened integration, achievable milestones and clear future actions.**Implications**This planning and review cycle for preventive health efforts will be useful to others seeking to capture a broad range of policy and program delivery work across multiple health issues and with multiple sectors. Demonstrating accountability, transparency, impact and system change enables a prevention focus to be embedded within a health system.**Preferred presentation format**Oral or Poster |