



EASTERN HEALTH 2022

THE STRATEGIC CLINICAL SERVICE PLAN 2012–22

WOMEN AND CHILDREN PROGRAM

Below are just a few highlights of *Eastern Health 2022* for the Women and Children Program:

- ▶ Increasing maternity services capacity, as part of the new Box Hill Hospital
- ▶ Establishing an Eastern Health centre for inpatient paediatric medicine and surgery, while continuing to maintain services for children at all our emergency departments
- ▶ Developing paediatric medicine and surgery capacity and expertise – particularly in the areas of emergency general medicine, respiratory medicine, general surgery, orthopaedic surgery, ear, nose and throat surgery, ophthalmology and diabetes
- ▶ Exploring the establishment of one, family-centred, comprehensive women and children precinct for the eastern metropolitan region on the basis of projected population and health service needs
- ▶ Establishing comprehensive antenatal, breast-feeding and domiciliary services at or within proximity to Maroondah Hospital to address a gap in high volume, public maternity services available locally to women in the Maroondah (Croydon and Ringwood) and Yarra Ranges (Lilydale) areas
- ▶ Implementing a Midwifery Group Practice Model across Eastern Health, with birthing at Box Hill and Angliss hospitals. This will ensure services are strategically located closer to where birthing women are forecast to be living within our primary catchment area
- ▶ Establishing a comprehensive and integrated gynaecology service across Eastern Health for both inpatient and outpatient services, led by an Eastern Health Director of Gynaecology
- ▶ Further developing non-surgical gynaecology outpatient services (for example, hormone replacement therapy and menopause clinics) and develop ambulatory hysteroscopy clinics
- ▶ Exploring the establishment of a mother-baby unit in the outer east area of our primary catchment. This will improve access to psychology and mental health services for maternity patients who have drug, alcohol or dual diagnosis and support mothers with post-natal depression
- ▶ Establishing an eating disorders service supported by inpatient beds to be co-located within a paediatric ward with comprehensive specialised nursing and allied health support

