

Accreditation Report



Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network

Accreditation Report Details

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Accreditation Decision

☒ Approved for 4 Years with 7 conditions

Executive Summary

The Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network (BHFLHN) Strategic Plan 2021-2025 outlines how the network intends to fulfill its organisational purpose of promoting high standards in medical practice and training for prevocational doctors. The strategic plan describes how the BHFLHN Medical Education Unit collaborate with both urban and rural universities to expand medical educational opportunities for prevocational doctors, supporting their professional and personal growth.

BHFLHN demonstrated their commitment towards working together with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients and families, with the strategic plan highlighting the collaborations with the community and local region to improve the health outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, recognise the cultural needs and provide a culturally safe environment. The #BLAKOUT program implemented and celebrated by BHFLHN, reflects this commitment to addressing cultural gaps by prioritising the inclusion and wellbeing of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workforce. It is commendable to see BHFLHN investing significant effort into organising diverse cultural awareness activities and actively encouraging its prevocational doctors to engage in these programs.

The BHFLHN prevocational training program aligns with the AMC National Framework for Prevocational Medical (PGY1 and PGY2) Training and offers a robust educational and medical training program that has been developed initially for PGY1s, with the view to expand the program to accommodate PGY2s who are planning to continue their training within the network.

BHFLHN demonstrated good program and clinical governance, with the establishment of the Medical Education Training Committee (METC) to support the prevocational training program and ensure ongoing monitoring and quality assurance activities are undertaken to support continuous improvement. The Assessment Review Panel has been established by the Medical Education Unit that demonstrated the appropriate membership and functions required of the panel to assess the successful completion of medical training for prevocational doctor, however procedures and policies around an appeal process need to be strengthened and communicated to stakeholders.

The BHFLHN prevocational training program ensures that prevocational doctors gain comprehensive generalist clinical experience in accordance with the AMC National Framework. The program provides exposure to a variety of clinical settings, including emergency medicine, general medicine, primary care, obstetrics and gynaecology and anaesthesia. Formal and informal performance feedback to prevocational doctors was demonstrated and reported to be constructive.

The Term Supervisors are well-trained, enthusiastic about prevocational medical training and thoroughly articulated a comprehensive understanding of their roles and responsibilities. The Medical Education Unit offers various professional development workshops to support and monitor the performance of term supervisor. Prevocational doctors predominantly reported good supervision, with the exception of locums supervising locums assigned as the clinical supervisor who were unaware of the prevocational doctor clinical capabilities and scope.

The B-CET education program has been highly valued by the PGY1s for its diverse learning formats and comprehensive clinical topics. It is recommended that the education program is expanded to accommodate the educational needs and clinical exposure required for PGY2 prevocational doctors to fulfill the Certification of Completion under the AMC National Framework for Prevocational (PGY1 and PGY2) Medical Training.

BHFLHN prevocational training program demonstrated a well-structured approach to supporting the medical education, training and wellbeing of their prevocational doctors. The Medical Education Unit recognises the importance of creating a supportive environment for prevocational doctors to ensure their safety and success during their clinical training. The program is thoughtfully designed to balance individual wellbeing with cultural awareness and comprehensive exposure to the clinical environment.