

Refugee Health Partnership Advisory Group Queensland (RH PAGQ)

Meeting Summary

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About RH PAGQ

The Refugee Health Partnership Advisory Group Queensland (RH PAGQ) is a statewide forum that brings together stakeholders from health services, government, settlement services, community organisations and refugee communities to support implementation of the Queensland Refugee Health and Wellbeing Policy and Action Plan 2022–2027. The group promotes collaboration, information sharing and system improvement to support equitable, culturally responsive healthcare for people from refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds.

Meeting Overview

The RH PAGQ met on 24 February 2026 to discuss priorities for the year ahead and to share updates on refugee health policy, service delivery and system improvement initiatives across Queensland. Members considered future planning for refugee health, developments in language services and refugee health guidelines, healthcare access challenges, and opportunities to strengthen collaboration across sectors. The meeting supported information sharing, partnership development and identification of emerging issues affecting people from refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds.

Key Updates

Policy and Planning

Members discussed priorities for 2026, including planning for the next phase of refugee health policy development in Queensland. Updates were provided on the Refugee Health and Wellbeing Policy and Action Plan, future planning considerations, and opportunities to strengthen collaboration across sectors. Members also reviewed the RH PAGQ Terms of Reference and membership arrangements.

Refugee Health Guidelines and Service Development

Queensland Health provided an update on the development of statewide Refugee Health Guidelines. Members discussed the role of the guidelines in supporting more consistent approaches to service delivery and improving healthcare experiences for people from refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds.

Language Services

Updates were shared regarding new interpreter and translation service arrangements, including implementation of Queensland Health's preferred supplier panel and ongoing work to strengthen service quality, accessibility and reporting. Members also received an update on the Queensland Government Language Services Policy review.

Healthcare Access and Coordination

Members discussed initiatives to improve healthcare access and coordination, including the development of statewide pathways to support arrivals requiring medical escorts. Discussion also highlighted challenges affecting access to primary healthcare, interpreter use and continuity of care across different regions.

Community Partnerships and Health Literacy

Members shared updates from community and regional networks, including health literacy initiatives, community engagement activities and collaborative projects supporting refugee and asylum seeker communities. Examples of innovative approaches and local successes were highlighted.

Emerging Issues and Advocacy Priorities

The group identified a number of emerging issues affecting people from refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds, including access to primary healthcare, settlement-related challenges and barriers experienced by vulnerable populations. Members discussed opportunities for collaboration, system improvement and future advocacy to address these issues.

Areas of Focus

Consistent with the objectives of the Queensland Refugee Health and Wellbeing Policy and Action Plan, members highlighted the importance of:

- Improving access to equitable and culturally responsive healthcare.
- Strengthening partnerships between health, settlement and community sectors.
- Supporting effective communication through language services and health literacy initiatives.
- Building workforce capability and sharing examples of innovative practice.
- Identifying emerging issues and opportunities to improve health outcomes for people from refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds.

Next Meeting

The next RH PAGQ meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, 20 May 2026**.