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| 2025 Victorian Public Healthcare Awards General Award criteria |
| Category 10 – Partnering in healthcare  This award recognises outstanding collaboration between services delivering public healthcare, to achieve better outcomes for their patients. The focus of this award is on how the partnership is enabling services to genuinely work together to address common problems and improve outcomes.  To be eligible for this award, at least one party must be a health service. Partnerships may be between health services or between a health service and another organisation (i.e. Public Health Network, community health, local Government, etc).  **Criteria topics and questions**  Below are the criteria topics and questions we would like you to address in your submission. Pay attention to criteria weighting. Criteria questions that are weighted more heavily (with a higher number) are worth more than others. |
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| Criteria topic | Criteria question | Judging criteria for scoring | Weight |
| Abstract  (not scored) | This section should provide a brief summary of the partnership. | This section should provide a brief summary of the partnership being undertaken. The abstract receives no score. | 0 |
| Collaboration | What are the objectives of the partnership?  How does the partnership ensure all parties are involved in determining approaches and focus areas for the partnership?  How is the partnership structured and managed to enable collaborative decision making?  Does the partnership feature consumer representative(s)? | * Does the partnership have clear objectives that are agreed in a collaborative way? * Is the collaborative approach well established and supported, with an equitable structure? * Are there clear processes/procedures to guide the partnership in its decision making? * Does the partnership feature consumer representative(s)? | 1 |
| Results and outcomes | What have been some of the key outcomes for the partnership since its inception?  **Hint:** The judges look for data or service user stories that show how you have achieved your objectives. You are encouraged to supply data (charts and tables, etc.) or qualitative narratives in your support document. Please explain how the data (such as graphs, tables) or stories show improvement/benefit. If relevant, include the sample/population size so the judges know the scale of the work. | * Has the partnership provided evidence in the form of data/stories to backup these results? | 3 |
| Value | What has been invested in the partnership, including staff time and financial resources from the different participants?  Is the partnership delivering any unplanned or unbudgeted benefits to its participants and communities?  How does the partnership measure benefits? | * Does the partnership effectively measure value to participants and communities? * Do all participants in the partnership perceive that their investment represents value for money? | 1 |
| A well-connected health system | Have all parties remained well-connected and active participants in the partnership over time? | * Do the processes/procedures put into practice to ensure all participants remain well-connected and engaged in the partnership? * In what ways are these processes/procedures inclusive, stable and enduring? | 2 |
| Partnership summary  (not scored) | Here we’re asking for a very short summary of the partnership, to be used for promotional purposes, should you become a finalist.   * In two sentences, what was the problem your partnership aimed to solve? * In one sentence, what was your idea to solve this problem? * In one sentence, please describe your methodology and any innovations your partnership incorporated? * In one sentence, please describe the outcome and impact of your partnership? | This will not be assessed or scored as part of your entry. | 0 |

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