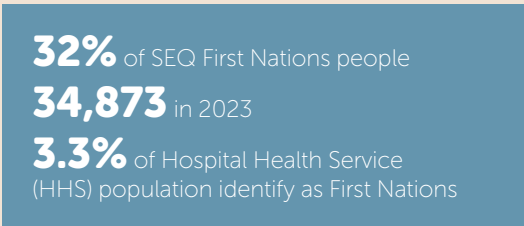
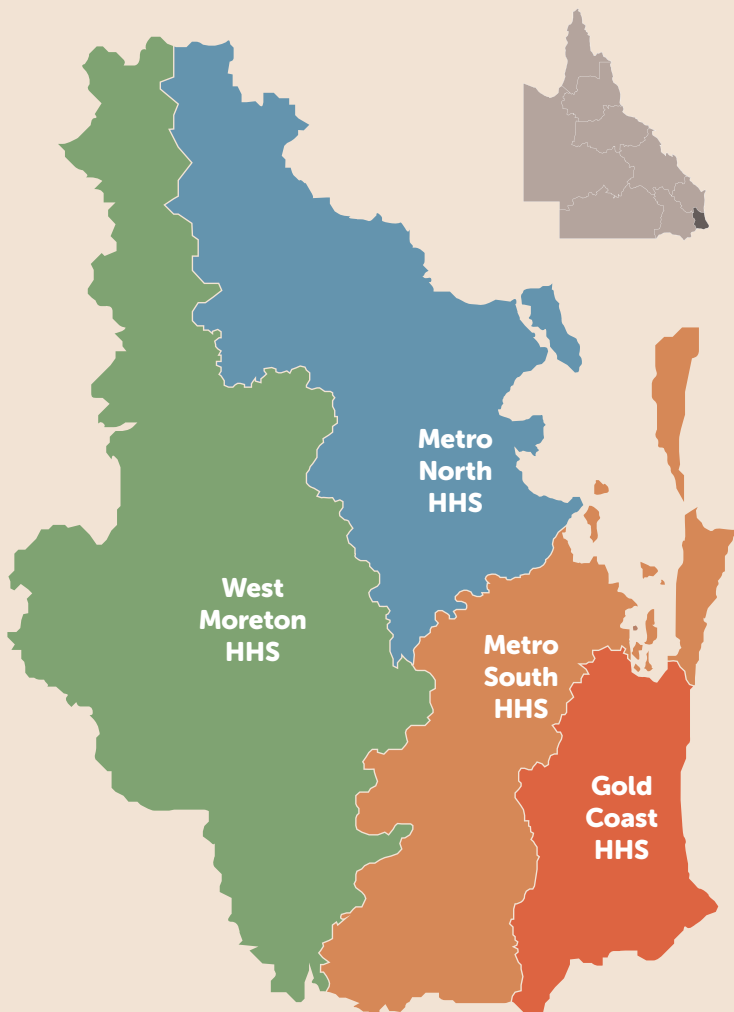




On **12-13 October 2023**, the South East Queensland (SEQ) First Nations Health Equity Governance Committee hosted the second **SEQ Health Equity In Action Conference** in Brisbane, Australia.

Bringing together **274 participants**, the conference showcased effective service delivery, workforce development and research partnerships to share knowledge and learnings across the region, and to promote replication and scale up of priorities identified in the **SEQ First Nations Health Equity Strategy**.



The Conference exposed participants to:

- The SEQ regional partnership approach to achieving health equity through implementation of the SEQ First Nations Health Equity Strategy 2021-31.
- The need to take a whole-of-health system approach to effect change together to Close the Gap in SEQ.
- Practical ways of operationalising the aspirations of the **SEQ First Nations Health Equity Strategy** through a showcase of effective models and partnerships.
- Data and evidence about the health status of First Nations people in SEQ and their access to health services.

Key service models that conference participants identified as successful approaches to achieve health equity that could be expanded and/or replicated across SEQ:

- The **Birthing in Our Community** services delivered by the UIIH Network with Mater Health and Metro South HHS
- **Surgical Pathways Program** delivered by UIIH with Metro South HHS
- Workforce development models including UIIH's **Pathways Our Way Academy** and Metro North HHS's **Deadly Start Program**
- **Specialist heart and lung services** into Aboriginal Medical Services - delivered by Metro North HHS into UIIH's Moreton Bay clinics
- **Staying Deadly** specialised mental health hubs - delivered by UIIH in partnership with West Moreton HHS

Key themes and recommendations that emerged in conference workshops and participant feedback:

- **Need for a system focused approach** that integrates care and ensures a smooth transition of people across the healthcare continuum
- **Importance of partnerships** that respects and utilises the strengths of partner organisations
- **Ongoing community engagement** which ensures that the voices of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are reflected in the prioritisation, design and delivery of healthcare services
- **Affirmation of a collective commitment** to preference **Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations** in the delivery of First Nations specific models of care
- **Commitment** to evidence-based care
- **Identification and implementation** of service delivery models that brings care closer to home
- **Scaling up** and/or replicating **good practice and service models** that have proved successful.

What do you **plan to do** as a result of the Conference?

<p>Talk to a colleague about something I learned</p>	<p>Connect with partners to identify and implement improvements to care pathways</p>	<p>Test the systems and processes in my organisation for staff and patients to raise concerns about racism</p>	<p>Support secondments for staff and rotations for students with partner organisations</p>	<p>Systematise offering referrals to Mob Link on discharge from hospital or emergency departments</p>
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SEQ First Nations Health Equity Governance Committee

The image displays the logos of the SEQ First Nations Health Equity Governance Committee members. The logos are arranged in three rows. The first row includes TUIH (Institute for urban indigenous health), Metro North Health, Queensland Government, Metro South Health, Queensland Government, West Moreton Health, Queensland Government, Gold Coast Health (always care), Queensland Government, Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service, Queensland Government, and Kambu (Coastal Indigenous Health). The second row features phn BRISBANE NORTH, phn BRISBANE SOUTH, phn GOLD COAST, and phn DARLING DOWNS AND WEST MORETON, all under the banner 'An Australian Government Initiative'. The third row shows the Mater logo.