

# Research Framework

## Adelaide PHN Framework

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## 1 Introduction

This Research Framework outlines how Adelaide PHN is targeting efforts to use research to improve understanding of local population health data, informing the design, delivery and evaluation of primary health care services. (Appendix 1 - Adelaide PHN strategic focus areas and strategies).

### 1.1 Purpose of the Adelaide PHN Research Framework

This document aims to describe the internal and external collaborations Adelaide PHN uses to support meaningful research for sustainable change and systems impact, leading to ‘real world’ outcomes.

Adelaide PHN is also a founding member of the unincorporated joint venture-Health Translation SA, which supports statewide research and its translation.

Translating research into practice ensures the implementation of innovative approaches that address local community needs while applying research insights to drive quality improvement in service delivery. Translational research as described in Woolf 2008 is:

*ensuring ... research knowledge actually reach the patients or populations for whom they are intended. The second area of translational research seeks to close that gap and improve quality by improving access, reorganizing and coordinating systems of care, helping clinicians and patients to change behaviors and make more informed choices, providing reminders and point-of-care decision support tools, and strengthening the patient-clinician relationship.<sup>1</sup>*

### 1.2 Alignment to other Frameworks

This framework describes how research will inform the evaluation, planning and design of activities aligned to the Adelaide PHN Evaluation Framework.

This framework also describes actions related to research under the following frameworks:

- Commissioning Framework
- Access and Equity Framework.
- Partnering Framework

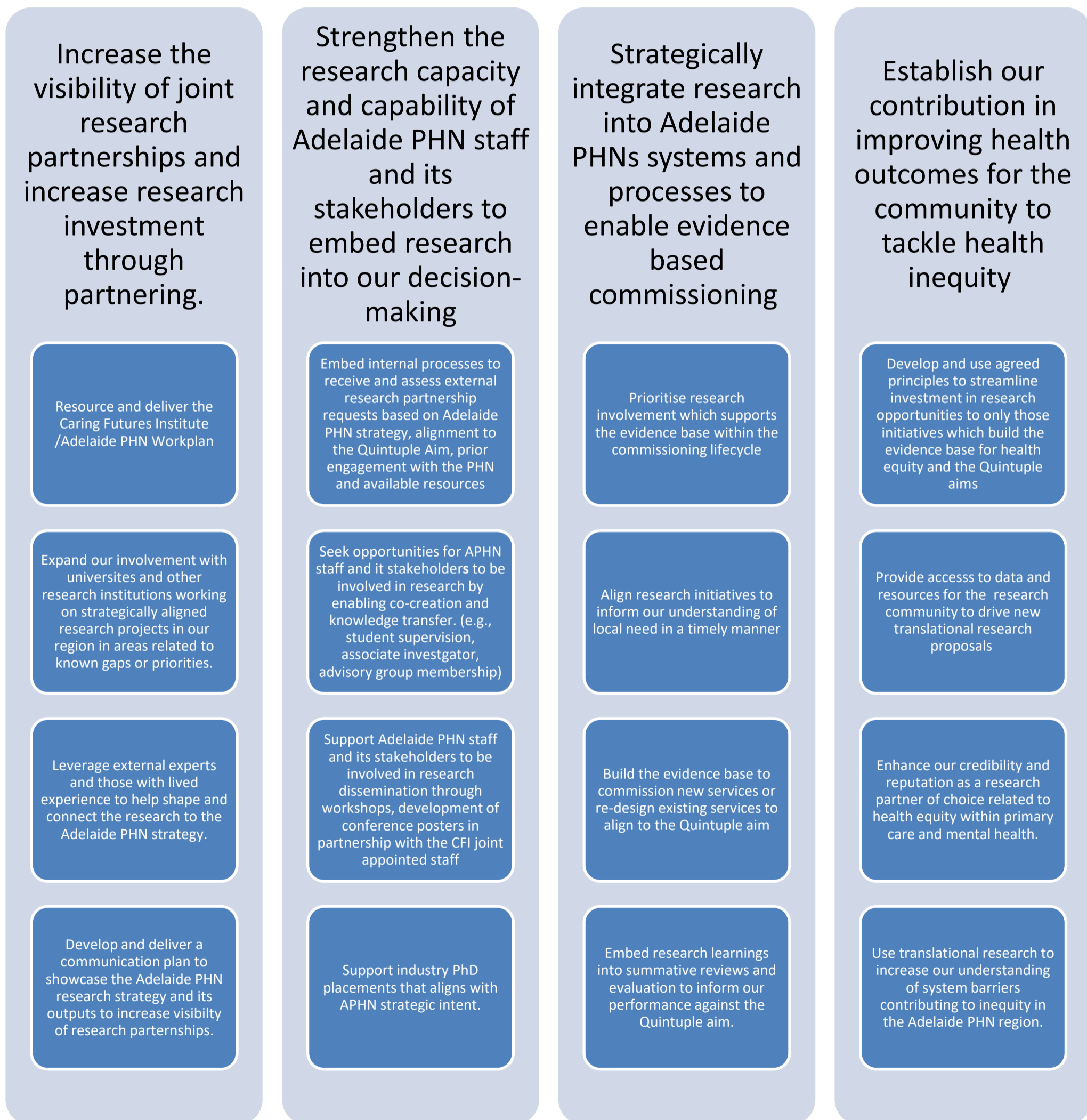
### 1.3 Development of the Adelaide PHN Research Framework

The development of this Strategic Research Framework builds on the existing collaboration between the Caring Futures Institute (CFI) and Adelaide PHN, and leverages the existing Adelaide PHN Research toolkit. The CFI/Adelaide PHN collaboration is underpinned by a workplan, through which many of the focus areas below will be delivered.

1.4 Adelaide PHN Research Framework – Overview

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Support meaningful research for sustainable change and systems impact, leading to ‘real world’ outcomes



## 2 Governance, monitoring and evaluation

The aim of this section is to outline the governance and monitoring of the framework.

### 2.1 Governance

Actions outside the CFI/Adelaide PHN partnership will be mapped and allocated through the Access and Equity Integrated Steering Group (ISG), with relevant reports provided to the Executive team and the Board as required when reporting against Adelaide PHN strategic initiatives. A joint appointment (CFI/ Adelaide PHN) research assistant will support the implementation of the framework, specifically leading the communication plan development and process relevant to the Adelaide PHN Research Register.

The CFI/Adelaide PHN partnership will be reviewed annually by the CFI/ Adelaide PHN Steering Committee as per the Partnering Framework. Actions from this review will be overseen and reported by the Access and Equity ISG.

### 2.2 Monitoring

The following data set comprises the monitoring criteria. The Access and Equity ISG will develop a timetable to consider the outputs of the Framework.

There are three main sources of data inputs:

- CFI/Adelaide PHN workplan
- Communication plan (to be developed under focus area 1)
- Research Register

<b>Focus Area 1</b>	
Increase the visibility of joint research partnerships and increase research investment through partnering.	
<b>CFI/APHN Workplan</b>	Triannual report including: income, publications, presentations
<b>Research Register</b>	Number of research partners
	Partner types (academia, industry etc.)
	Number of research projects involved with alignment to strategic plan / priority areas
	Number of consumer/end user recruited to participate in research
<b>Communication Plan</b>	Reach of Adelaide PHN Research Showcases
	Number of activities (Newsletters/social media)

## **Focus Area 2**

Strengthen the research capacity and capability of Adelaide PHN staff and its stakeholders to embed research into our decision-making.

<b>CFI/APHN Workplan</b>	Number of staff / primary care stakeholders involved in Adelaide PHN research initiatives - co-creation, knowledge transfer, dissemination
	Number of Adelaide PHN staff recognised as Investigators (Lead/Associate)
	Number of research groups with Adelaide PHN representation
	Number existing / new staff with research background (academic work experience and/or qualification (Honours, Masters, PhD))
	Number of industry PhD placements / co-funded enterprise scholarships
	Number of student internships/mentoring/supervision arrangements
	Number of posters and presentations by Adelaide PHN staff.
<b>Research Register</b>	Numbers of requests for letters of support/involvement (with contextual information)
	Number of letters of support for grant applications supplied
	Number grant applications with PHN as a partner with alignment to strategic plan / priority areas
<b>Communication Plan</b>	Number of primary care stakeholders involved in Adelaide PHN research initiatives - co-creation, knowledge transfer, dissemination
	Number of training sessions involving Adelaide PHN staff to embed research into business as usual.

<b>Focus area 3</b>	
Strategically integrate research into Adelaide PHNs systems and processes to enable evidence-based commissioning.	
<b>Needs Assessment Documentation</b>	Research findings/learnings integrated into the annual Adelaide PHN needs assessment updates
	Number of references within the Needs Assessment
<b>CFI/APHN Workplan</b>	Value (\$) of funded grant applications (income generated)
	Value (\$) Adelaide PHN contribution with alignment to strategic plan / priority areas
	Case studies showing research findings / recommendations implemented into practice / informing design and co-design
<b>Research Register</b>	Number of successful grant applications (supported/partner)
<b>Focus area 4</b>	
Establish our contribution in improving health outcomes for the community to tackle health inequity.	
<b>CFI/APHN Workplan</b>	Number of publications as co-author
	Internal contribution supporting Research initiatives
<b>Research Register</b>	Number of data requests from external researchers.
<b>Communication plan</b>	Maintenance of Adelaide PHN website dedicated research collaborations page, including link to published works.
	Publication of principles on website relevant to how Adelaide PHN will assess requests to collaborate/provide letter of supports.
	Number of Case studies which demonstrate research translation into practice

### 2.3 Framework review process

This framework will be reviewed by the Access and Equity ISG in April 2028, in line with the end of the current contract with Flinders University

### 3 APPENDICIES

#### Appendix 1: Adelaide PHN strategic focus areas and strategies

# Strategic Plan

## 2023-2026



## Our focus areas

### Health equity

Increasingly demonstrate the inclusion of vulnerable people in our governance and engagement and co-design processes

Increase access, whilst improving the experience of vulnerable people in primary health care services by developing local pathways that lead to improved primary care engagement and keep people out of hospitals

Commissioned activities are monitored, evaluated, and reported on through a health equity lens

### Co-creating solutions

Address service gaps by working with our partners, people with lived experience and our community councils to plan, co-design and commission services that address the needs of the local community

### Partnerships

Build local service capacity, capability and resilience through place-based partnerships with relevant stakeholders

Collaborate nationally to strengthen primary health care and the PHN program

### Data insights and stories

Measure provider performance against the quintuple aim

Through our alliances, use practice and provider data to improve people's access and experience of the health system through improved secure data sharing to better understand and address local health needs

Collaborate with researchers, universities and other partners to improve understanding of local population health data which informs the design, delivery and evaluation of primary health care services

Learn more about our strategy by visiting [adelaidephn.com.au/strategicplan](http://adelaidephn.com.au/strategicplan)

## 4 REFERENCES

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