

## Keynote Speakers



### Keynote Presenter 2: Ms Kathleen Philip Victorian Department of Health and Human Services

#### ABSTRACT

*Title: The changing Health and Human Services landscape in Victoria and some priorities for allied health*

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Reform is in the air! The large scale national health reform taking place now including: establishing Primary Health Networks, the national Mental Health Plan, rolling out the NDIS, the primary health care review and Medicare review will change the health landscape to an extent not seen since the 1980's. How and what health services are accessed and funded, and the way we provide services is likely to change.

In Victoria, the Andrew's government has a strong reform agenda, focused on integrating health and human services to improve health and wellbeing outcomes and the social determinants of health. This will also significantly change our landscape. Allied health has a key role in meeting the challenges these reforms are positioning Australia and Victoria to meet i.e. chronic disease management, reducing hospital admissions and mental health. What are the strategic priorities we should adopt to ensure that allied health can make its most valuable contribution?

#### BIOGRAPHY

Kathleen was appointed to the newly created role of Chief Allied Health Advisor of Victoria in 2013 in conjunction with her role as the Manager, Health Workforce Innovation and Reform in the Health Workforce Unit of the Department of Health and Human Services, Victoria, a position she has held since 2008. From February 2016 she will be focusing on the Chief Allied Health Advisor role. Kathleen is a physiotherapist by background and has Masters Qualifications in Public Health, Health Economics and Health Policy. She is responsible for driving leadership and strategic direction to Victoria's allied health workforce across the various sectors of practice.