

# Private and public hospitals in the ACT authorised to cooperate on COVID-19 response

Private healthcare facilities and health agencies in the Australian Capital Territory will be able to cooperate in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, following an interim authorisation granted to the ACT Health Directorate today.

Interim authorisation will allow public and private hospital operators in the ACT to work with each other during the current health crisis by, for example, discussing expected capacity and demand for services, jointly procuring and distributing medical equipment and supplies, and sharing staff.

The ACCC has not conducted a public consultation process in respect of this request for interim authorisation in light of the urgent need for the Directorate, hospitals and healthcare providers to coordinate their response to the Pandemic, and the compelling nature of the public benefits likely to result from the requests for interim authorisation.

Having granted interim authorisation for this arrangement, the ACCC will seek feedback on the application for authorisation. Submissions on the substantive application are due by 9 June 2020.

More information, including details on how to make a submission, a copy of the ACCC's interim authorisation decision and a list of hospital operators covered by the authorisation, will be available on the ACCC's public register at: [Australian Capital Territory Private Healthcare COVID-19 arrangements](#).

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