



# About this snapshot

This snapshot is about the residents of, and the services provided by, the South Eastern Sydney Local Health District (SESLHD). The snapshot provides a bird's eye view about people's health, access to and use of services, and experiences using these services.

This document was initially targeted at community members, clinicians, managers, and other staff and stakeholders who were involved in the review of the District's interim Strategic and Health Care Services Plans, but it is hoped that the information presented here will be used more broadly.

This document provides a series of snapshots of our residents and services – with comparisons over time, between population groups, between services, or with benchmarks – in order to provide perspective and context for:

- The main health and service areas where we are doing well, and others where we could be doing better.
- Recent challenges for our health system and those that will emerge over the next 5-10 years.
- Inequities in health status and service use, quality and outcomes within our own District.

This document is not intended to be a comprehensive report card about the health and health service needs of our residents and patients. Nor does it attempt to provide a comprehensive overview of services provided.

For many of the issues and measures reported in this document, interested readers are referred to more information in other National, State and District publications.

These other publications include:

- A series of publications prepared for the Local Health District, which are accessible at <http://seslhd.health.nsw.gov.au>
- NSW Health's new interactive *Health Statistics NSW* tool, which is accessible at <http://www.healthstats.nsw.gov.au/>
- The Public Health Information Development Unit's *A Social Atlas of Australia 2010*, accessible via an interactive mapping tool at <http://www.publichealth.gov.au/interactive-mapping/>