



Position Title:	Consumer Advocate WAHTN: Consumer and Community Health Research Network (CCHRN)
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About the WA Health Translation Network (WAHTN)

The WAHTN is a co-operative enterprise linking all of WA Universities, key MRIs and major teaching hospitals. Its goal is to enhance opportunities for translation of health research and to build profile of the research enterprise in WA. The State Government has committed funds to a small executive group to ensure sustainability and development of the WAHTN. The WAHTN will be established as an unincorporated joint venture where the University of Western Australia acts as Centre Agent in transfer of money from the Department of Health to the Joint Venture.

There is an emphasis on joint research collaborations, maintenance and extension of links in relation to undergraduate and postgraduate learning and development and encouragement of excellence in translation of research with particular focus on capitalising opportunities for delivering profound and lasting impact.

The Consumer and Community Health Research Network (CCHRN) has been funded under the WAHTN to expand the current consumer and community programs across WAHTN partners. CCHRN will develop, deliver and embed consumer and community involvement and research translation across Western Australia.

About the University

Over 100 years ago, The University of Western Australia was founded with the aim of advancing the welfare and prosperity of its community.

UWA has risen to changing social and economic challenges, while achieving international standards, educating world-class graduates, producing ground breaking research and engaging in our community.

Delivering practical benefits to the community has always been at our core. We do this through the creation and sharing of knowledge, to foster a deeper understanding of our subject, ourselves and the world around us. That's because we believe that understanding is the key to a better future. Through understanding comes progress and through progress we can help create a better future for all.

UWA is already ranked in the top 1% of the world's universities, but our goal is to be recognised as on the world's top 50, for education as well as research.

The University of Western Australia has an international reputation for excellence and enterprise and has been rated as one of the best comprehensive universities in Australia. It is one of the country's leading

research institutions as demonstrated by our Nobel Laureate and is the only WA member of the prestigious “Group of Eight” research universities.

The University is undergoing a period of transformational change to gain greater efficiencies, improve value, services and satisfaction. In this period of change the University remains focussed on being a world leader. The attraction and retention of the world’s best employees is critical to achieving the University’s strategic aim of being in the top 50 universities by 2050.

Vision and Values

The University of Western Australia vision is achieving international excellence.

Its core values underpinning our activities are a commitment to:

- A high performance culture designed to achieve international excellence
- Academic freedom to encourage staff and students to engage in the open exchange of ideas and thought
- Continuous improvement through self-examination and external review
- Fostering the values of openness, honesty, tolerance, fairness, trust and responsibility in social, moral and academic matters
- Transparency in decision making and accountability
- Equity and merit as the fundamental principles for the achievement of the full potential of all staff and students

All staff are expected to comply with the Code of Ethics and the University’s Code of Conduct and demonstrate a commitment to its Equity and Diversity and Safety principles and the General Capabilities of personal effectiveness, working collaboratively and demonstrating a focus on results. Details of the University policies on these can be accessed at http://www.hr.uwa.edu.au/publications/code_of_ethics, <http://www.equity.uwa.edu.au> and <http://www.safety.uwa.edu.au/policies>.

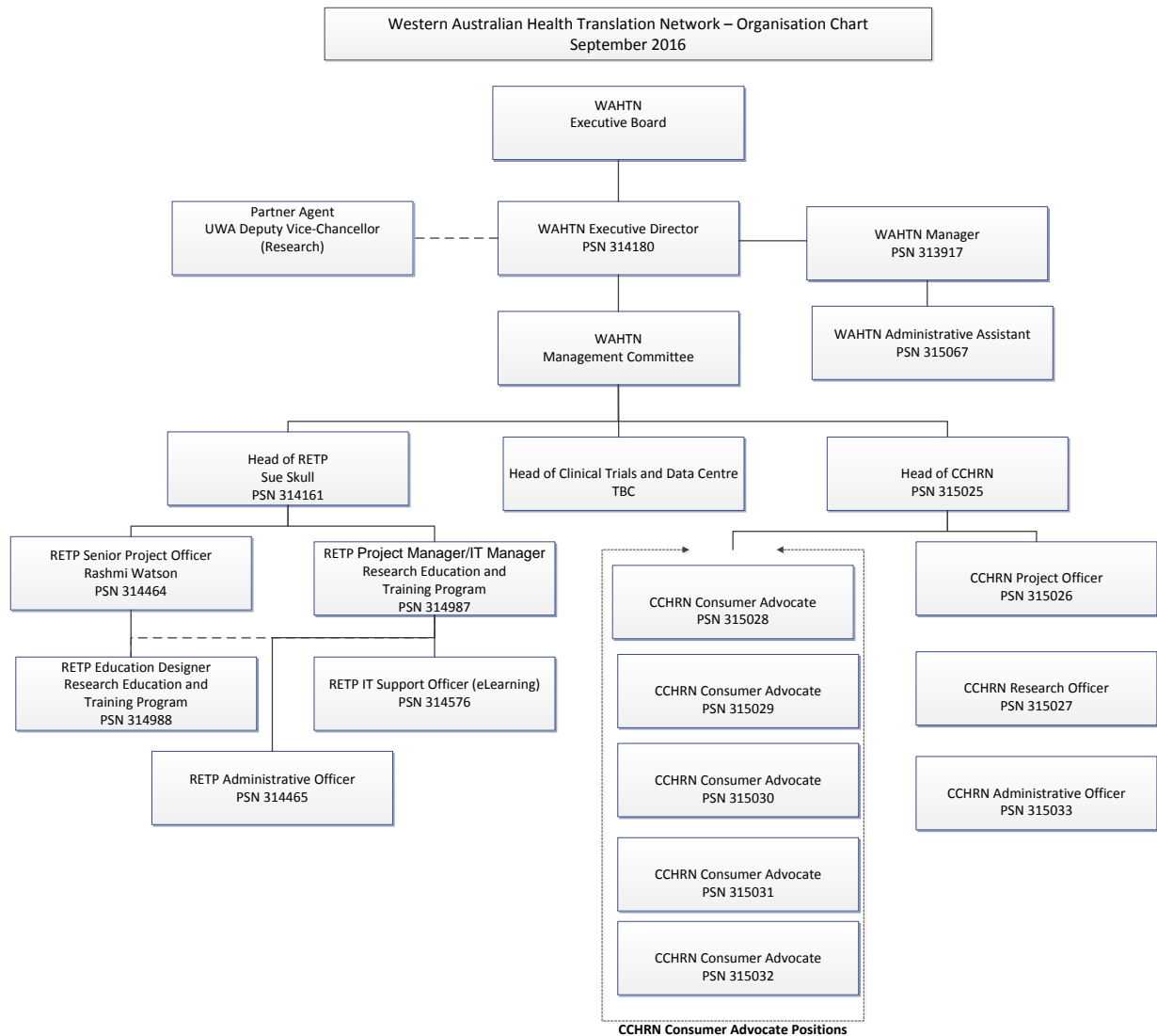
Your work area

Under the direction of the UWA Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research) and the WA Health Translation Network Executive Board, the WAHTN Executive Director works with the Universities, the Directors of the Medical Research Institutes, the State Government, and hospital and allied health professionals in WA to drive local, national and international collaborations, to build capacity in key areas of health and medical research, and to advise on infrastructure and investment, with a view to gaining NHMRC recognition that the WAHTN is working at international level.

The UWA has been appointed Centre Agent for the WAHTN to provide HR and financial support to the WAHTN.

Whilst this position will be appointed by UWA, the position will work under the Head, CCHRN for this project. The WAHTN Offices are in the Perkins North Building on the QE11 Campus.

Organisation chart



Your role

Your role as Consumer Advocate will be to assist in the development of the Consumer and Community Health Research Network. You will work collaboratively with partner organisations and establish support partnerships between research, consumer and the community.

Your responsibilities

- To work in the WAHTN Partner Organisation/s to implement the Consumer and Community Health Research Network's Program of Work as outlined in the Network's Strategic Framework and Standard Operating Procedures.
- Maintain a strong working relationship and collaborative partnership with the Head of CCHRN, Delivery Team members and WAHTN.
- Advocate for the implementation of CCHRN's Program of Work in the research activities at the WAHTN Partner Organisations.
- Provide a 'bridging' role between CCHRN and the WAHTN Partner Organisations.
- In collaboration with Head of CCHRN, build and sustain collaborative relationships with researchers, consumers and the community associated with the research programs of the WAHTN Partner Organisations.
- Work collaboratively with the CCHRN Development Team to conduct audits of consumer and community involvement activities within the Partner Organisation/s.

- Provide reports to the Head of CCHRN and partner organisations on the outputs and examples of impact of the CCHRN in the WAHTN Partner Organisation/s.
- Provide advice and support to researchers for existing and new consumer and community involvement activities.
- Support the organisation of community events and training workshops within the Partner Organisation/s in collaboration with the CCHRN Development Team including facilitation, conducting analysis on the feedback and compiling and disseminating reports.
- Conduct presentations at the WAHTN Partner Organisations as required.
- Support community events at other WAHTN Partner Organisations as required.
- Provide strategic advice and 'on the ground' feedback on the consumer and community involvement activities and events within the Partner Organisations to CCHRN.
- Liaise with the Development Team regarding consumer /community vacancies for promotion to the CCHRN's website and network.
- Any other duties as required

Your specific work capabilities (selection criteria)

- Relevant Tertiary qualification or demonstrated equivalent competency
- Demonstrate a high level understanding of and experience in active consumer and community involvement principles and practice
- Demonstrated ability to work in a team environment and achieve set outcomes
- Demonstrated passion for consumer and community involvement
- Strong understanding of the 'lived experience' consumer and/or community members contribute to research and teaching programs.
- Ability to build supportive relationships with various stakeholders
- Excellent diplomacy, organisation and communication skills
- Excellent Microsoft Office skills