

# Priority Project Reports

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## Child & Adolescent Project A

1. **Project Title:** Improving medical and psychosocial care for Adolescents and Young Adults (AYA) with cancer

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2. Project Coordinator(s) Contact details

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### 3. Project Description

The NSW Oncology Group Priority Project for NSWOG Child and Adolescent A is to collect and collate information about the geographical distribution of NSW Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) cancers, incidence, outcomes, referral patterns, clinical trial access and participation. By gathering this fundamental NSW-based information, recommendations for a change in models of care and service provision can be made.

The project was implemented through utilisation of internal Cancer Institute NSW resources and engagement with an external consultancy, Healthcare Management Advisors (HMA). Project components include a literature review, data analysis, workshop and stakeholder consultations.

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### 4. Deliverables as detailed in project contract

- High level literature review.
  - Workshop report.
  - Proposed treatment pathway for AYA patients with cancer based on workshop report.
  - Summary report of stakeholder consultations.
  - Final report.
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### 5. Description of activities undertaken

- In consultation with NSWOG Child and Adolescent, completed a high level literature review, describing evidence based best practice treatments and outcomes; and models of care for AYA with cancer.
  - Conducted a workshop with key stakeholders to identify current referral and treatment pathways and a future model for AYA with cancer in NSW.
  - Developed a general overview of a potential treatment pathway for AYA patients with cancer based on findings from the workshop.
  - Consulted tumour stream experts on current and new treatment pathways for AYA patients with cancer, including multidisciplinary teams, collaborations, physical locations for treatment, referral processes and clinical trials.
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6. Project outcome(s)

m. Did the project complete all the deliverables listed in the contract

Yes       No

n. Please describe any other outcomes (if any) that the project has contributed to achieving

- i. Collaboration of adult and paediatric clinicians.
- ii. Interested adult clinicians engaged through workshop and subsequent membership of the AYA subcommittee.
- iii. A greater awareness of AYA patient cohort in NSW.
- iv. View that Cancer Institute NSW is engaged on this politically hot-topic and plans to continue work in this area.

o. What do you believe will be the ongoing benefits of this project?

- A framework for the development of strategies to improve the level of cancer treatment for AYA.
  - Collaboration of adult and paediatric clinicians to hopefully continue and become a fundamental aspect of future planning strategies.
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**7. Please list any presentations, abstracts, papers or reports that have been submitted upon the work of this project.**

- Monograph submission - NSWOG Child and adolescent - Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) - monograph - 4 December 2007.
- Abstract Submission - COSA 2008 - Adolescent and Young Adults (AYA) with Cancer in NSW - Catherine Bullivant - 26 June 2008.