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### **PUBLIC HOSPITALS (CHAPTER 10)**

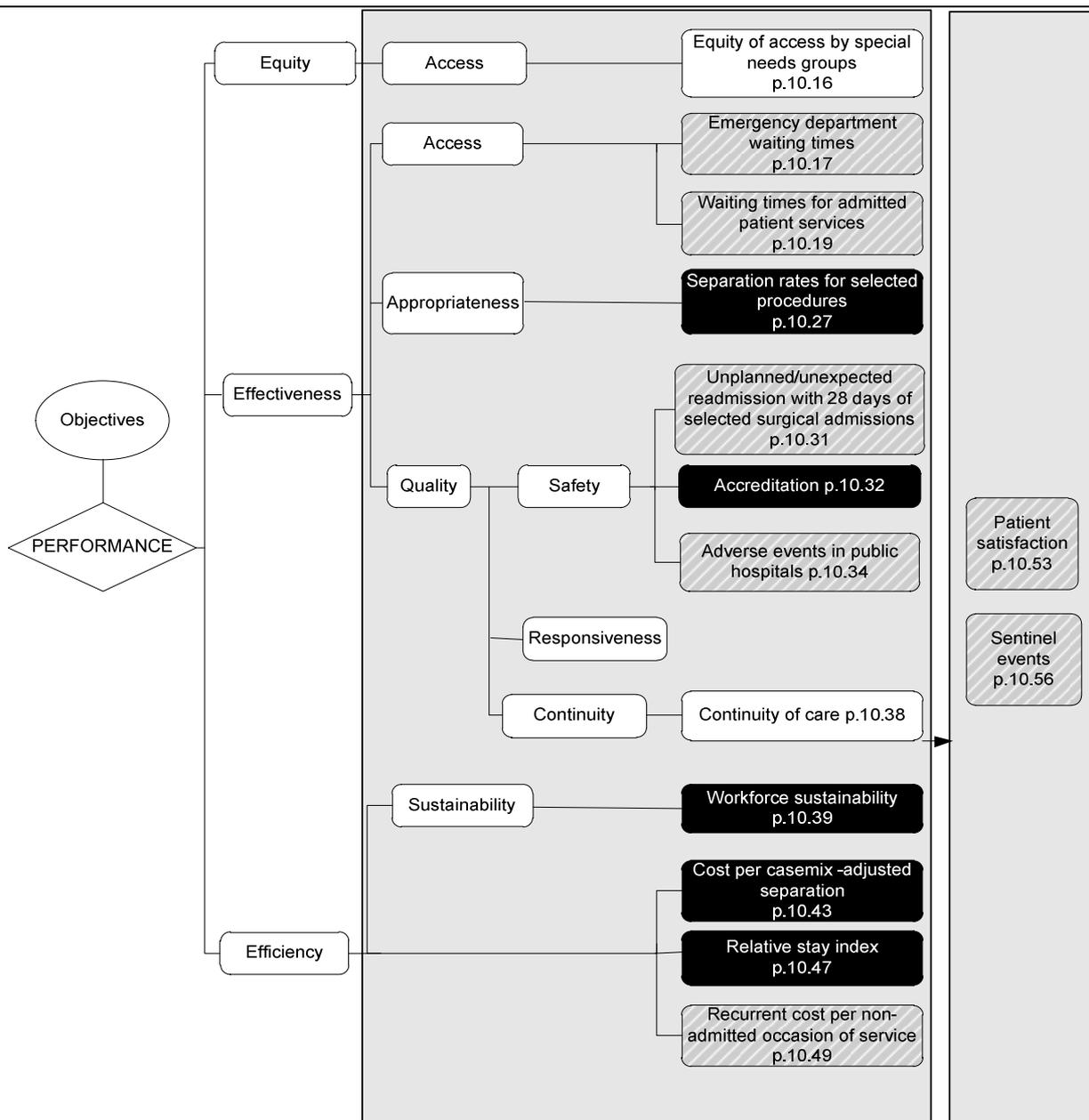
- This chapter reports on the performance of states' and territories' public hospitals, with a focus on acute care services.
- Total recurrent expenditure on public hospitals (excluding depreciation) was \$33.7 billion in 2009-10 (**p. 10.3**). In 2009-10, government real recurrent expenditure on public hospitals was \$1521 per person for Australia, up from \$1400 in 2005-06 (in 2009-10 dollars) (**p. 10.4**).
- There were approximately 5.1 million separations from public (non-psychiatric) hospitals in 2009-10. Nationally, this translates into 220.9 separations per 1000 people. Acute separations accounted for 95.9 per cent of separations from public hospitals (**p. 10.7**).
- A total of 49.5 million individual occasions of service were provided to non-admitted patients in public acute hospitals in 2009-10. In public acute hospitals in 2009-10, accident and emergency services comprised 14.9 per cent of all individual occasions of service to non-admitted patients. 'Other medical, surgical and obstetric services' (24.2 per cent), 'pathology services' (16.9 per cent) and 'pharmacy' (10.0 per cent) were other common types of non-admitted patient care (**p. 10.11**).

### **Broad objectives of public hospitals**

The broad government objectives for public hospitals are to provide acute and specialist services that are:

- safe and of high quality
- appropriate and responsive to individual needs
- affordable, timely and accessible
- equitably and efficiently delivered.

# Public hospitals performance indicator framework (figure 10.10, p. 10.15)



### Key to indicators

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