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### **MATERNITY SERVICES (CHAPTER 10)**

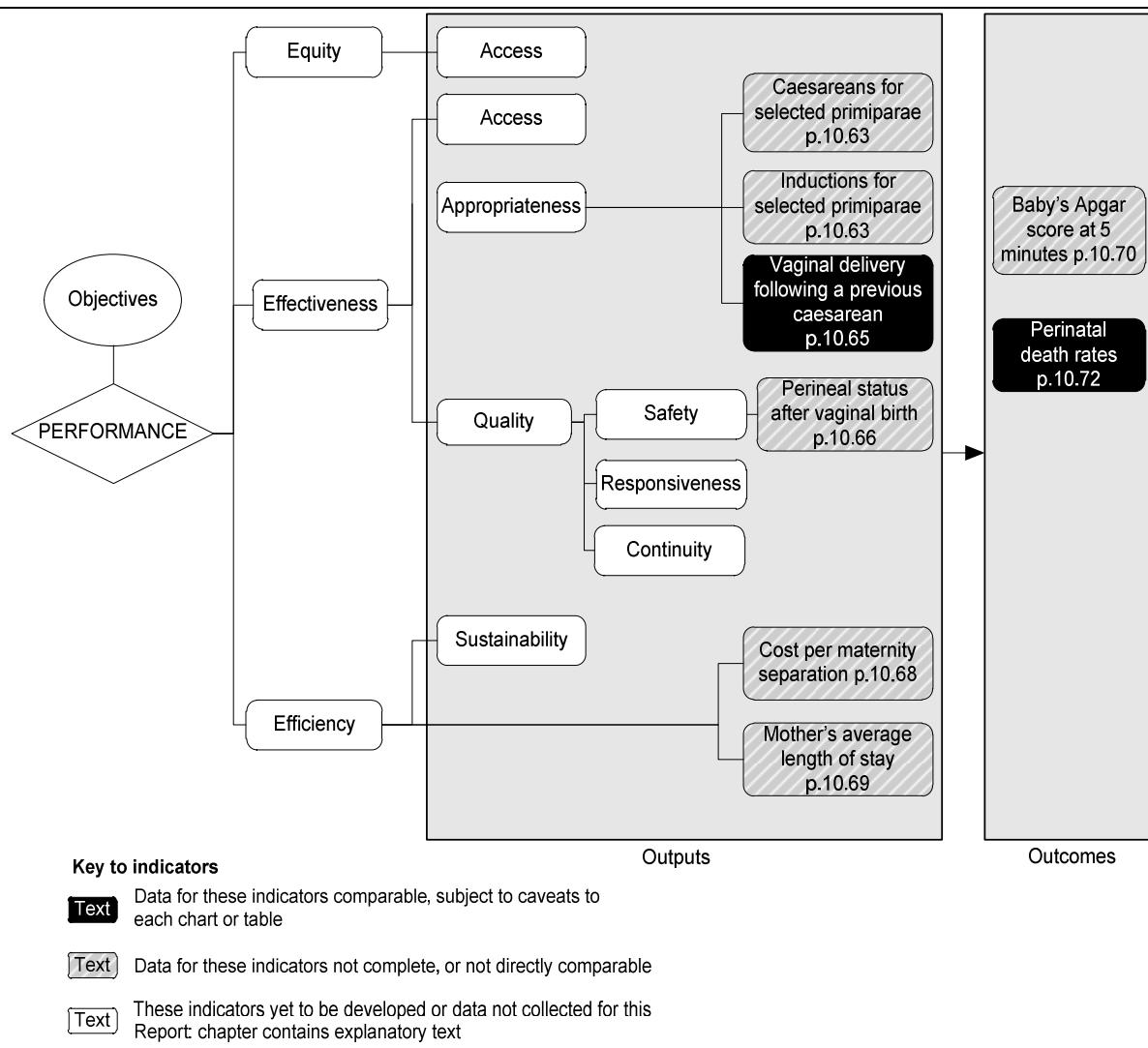
- Maternity services are reported on separately within the Public hospitals chapter.
- Maternity services accounted for 8.4 per cent of total acute separations in public hospitals and around 10.2 per cent of the total cost of all acute separations in public hospitals in 2009-10 (**p. 10.59**).
- In Australian public hospitals in 2009-10, vaginal deliveries without complicating diagnosis accounted for a substantial proportion of the separations for pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium (30.5 per cent). In public hospitals, vaginal deliveries without complicating diagnosis comprised the largest number of overnight acute separations of all overnight separation categories (4.3 per cent of all separations) and the third highest cost of all separation categories (\$469.8 million) (**p. 10.60**).

### **Broad objectives of maternity services**

The broad government objectives for public hospitals (maternity services represent a significant component of public hospital services) 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.

# Maternity services performance indicator framework (figure 10.25, p. 10.62)



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