

Report on Government Services 2013

**PUBLIC HOSPITALS
(CHAPTER 10)**

This chapter reports on the performance of governments in providing public hospitals, with a focus on acute care services.

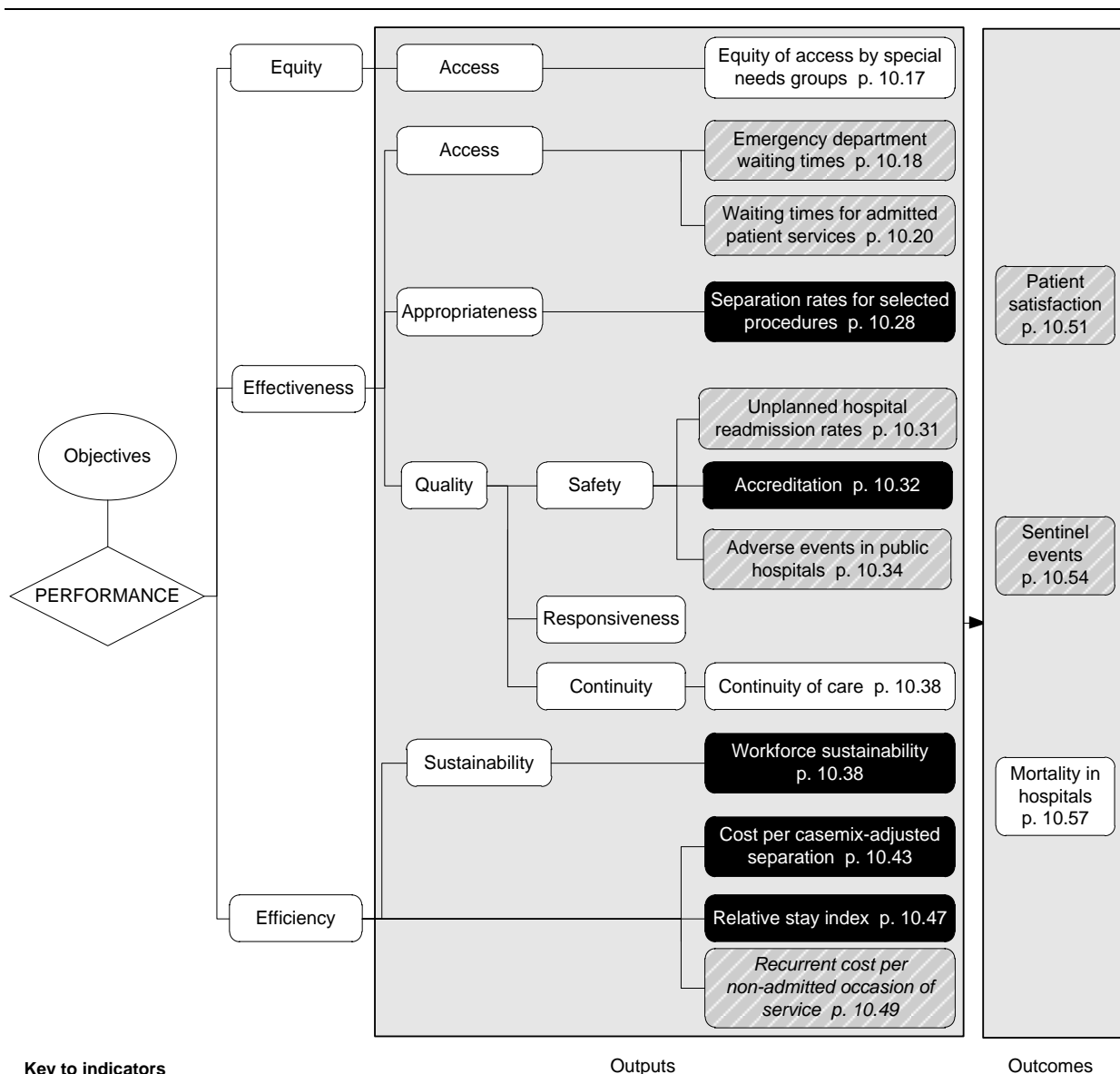
- Total recurrent expenditure on public hospitals (excluding depreciation) was \$37.0 billion in 2010-11 (**p. 10.3**). In 2010-11, government real recurrent expenditure on public hospitals was \$1645 per person for Australia, up from \$1407 in 2006-07 (in 2010-11 dollars) (**p. 10.4**).
- There were approximately 5.3 million separations from public (non psychiatric) hospitals in 2010-11. Nationally, this translates into 225.5 separations per 1000 people. Acute separations accounted for 95.9 per cent of separations from public hospitals (**p. 10.8**).
- A total of 50.2 million individual occasions of service were provided to non-admitted patients in public acute hospitals in 2010-11. In public acute hospitals in 2010-11, accident and emergency services comprised 15.2 per cent of all individual occasions of service to non-admitted patients. 'Other medical, surgical and obstetric services' (23.5 per cent), 'pathology services' (17.7 per cent) and 'pharmacy' (9.7 per cent) were other common types of non-admitted patient care (**p. 10.12**).

Objectives of Public hospitals

Public hospitals services aim 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 (**p. 10.15**).
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Performance indicators for public hospitals (figure 10.11, p. 10.16)



Key to indicators

- Text** Data for these indicators are comparable, subject to caveats to each chart or table
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