

COASTCITYCOUNTRY TRAINING

VERTICAL INTEGRATION POLICY

BOARD POLICY NO 10.0



1. Policy Context

1.1 This CCCT Vertical Integration Policy recognises:

1. The scope for the vertical integration of GP Registrar vocational training arrangements along the spectrum of undergraduate, postgraduate, prevocational, vocational and continuing medical education initiatives, in the Coast City Country Training region.
2. That the presence of three medical schools, six Divisions of General Practice and three Primary Allocation Centre Hospitals in the CCCT region, requires that varied and responsive approaches be taken to vertical integration initiatives in each local training group (LTG)
3. That there is a need to balance diversity of approach to vertical integration among LTGs with adherence to a common set of principles, to enable: an objective distribution of resources to LTGs; promotion of Vertical Integration outcomes by CCCT; and outcome evaluation by the CCCT Board and key external stakeholders.
4. The importance of Vertical Integration outcomes to the National Policy Agenda and the Department of Health and Aged Care's expectations of GPET.
5. The importance of pursuing these initiatives in order to continue to deliver high quality cost effective education outcomes in the Coast City Country Training region.
6. The Commitment of the University of NSW, Australian National University, Charles Sturt University and the University of Wollongong to the CCCT Education Program and its Vertical Integration initiatives.
7. The commitment of the ACT, Illawarra, Murrumbidgee, Riverina, Shoalhaven and SENSW Divisions of General Practice to the sound governance and operations of CoastCityCountry Training Ltd

2. Policy Principles

2.1 The different approaches to Vertical Integration in each LTG are viewed by the CCCT Board as an organizational strength, reflective of CCCT's commitment to supporting regional needs. However, the CCCT Board also sets out the following common principles to be observed by each LTG in the formulation of Business Plans, and documentation of Vertical Integration Strategies:

1. Key partners in Vertical Integration Initiatives should be invited to participate in Local training Group committees.
2. LTGs should have in place specific strategies and activities that enable general practice role models to be visible in hospital settings (Wollongong, Wagga Wagga and the Canberra Hospital)
3. Subject to continuity of funding CCCT is keen to enable CCCT Medical Educators to participate in JMO teaching programs.
4. Subject to continuity of funding CCCT is keen to enable CCCT Medical Educators to participate in University Medical School activities such as Curriculum Development and other education committees
5. While recognizing that the presence of three medical schools in the CCCT region has given rise to vertical integration strategies with a focus on integration with graduate and post graduate teaching agents; LTGs are nevertheless asked to review the nature and scope of relationships with their Divisions of General Practice, exploring opportunities to complement and partner together in the delivery of education and education support.
6. Business relationships with Universities and Divisions in support of CCCT activities will be governed by purpose written contracts executed in accordance with the requirements of each institution and CCCT.
7. In developing local strategies LTGs will consider potential opportunities in each component of the vertical integration spectrum and articulate annually to the CCCT Board the rationale for the strategies chosen
8. Reflecting a commitment to local regionalized training and vertical integration, preference will be given to tertiary institutions and divisions in the CCCT region, in tendering processes seeking to purchase education and related services.

3. LTG Reporting and Vertical Integration

3.1 The following principles apply to Local Training Groups when implementing and reporting Vertical Integration outcomes.

1. Strategies to achieve Vertical Integration should be included in the Business Plan
2. An annual report is to be provided to the Board of CoastCityCountry Training for the purpose of enabling the Board to evaluate outcomes and to enable CCCT to report to GPET on Vertical Integration Outcomes.
3. Each year, LTG Annual Reports are to be provided for inclusion on the agenda of the CCCT Board Meeting Scheduled for each LTG region

3.2 The CEO will take the following action when preparing for the reporting and dissemination of Vertical Integration outcomes:

1. Include Vertical Integration reports in the Board's strategic planning packages in April each year
2. Advertise achievements in Vertical Integration to stakeholders in GP Education and Training (locally and nationally)
3. Submit an annual report to the Board of CoastCityCountry Training against Key Result Area's and the outcomes outlined in the GPET Vertical Integration Framework.
4. Submit a report to GPET against the Key Result of areas and outcomes identified in the Vertical Integration Framework annually.

4. Review of this policy

This policy will be reviewed annually.

5. Related Policies

1. Local Training Group Reporting Requirements

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