

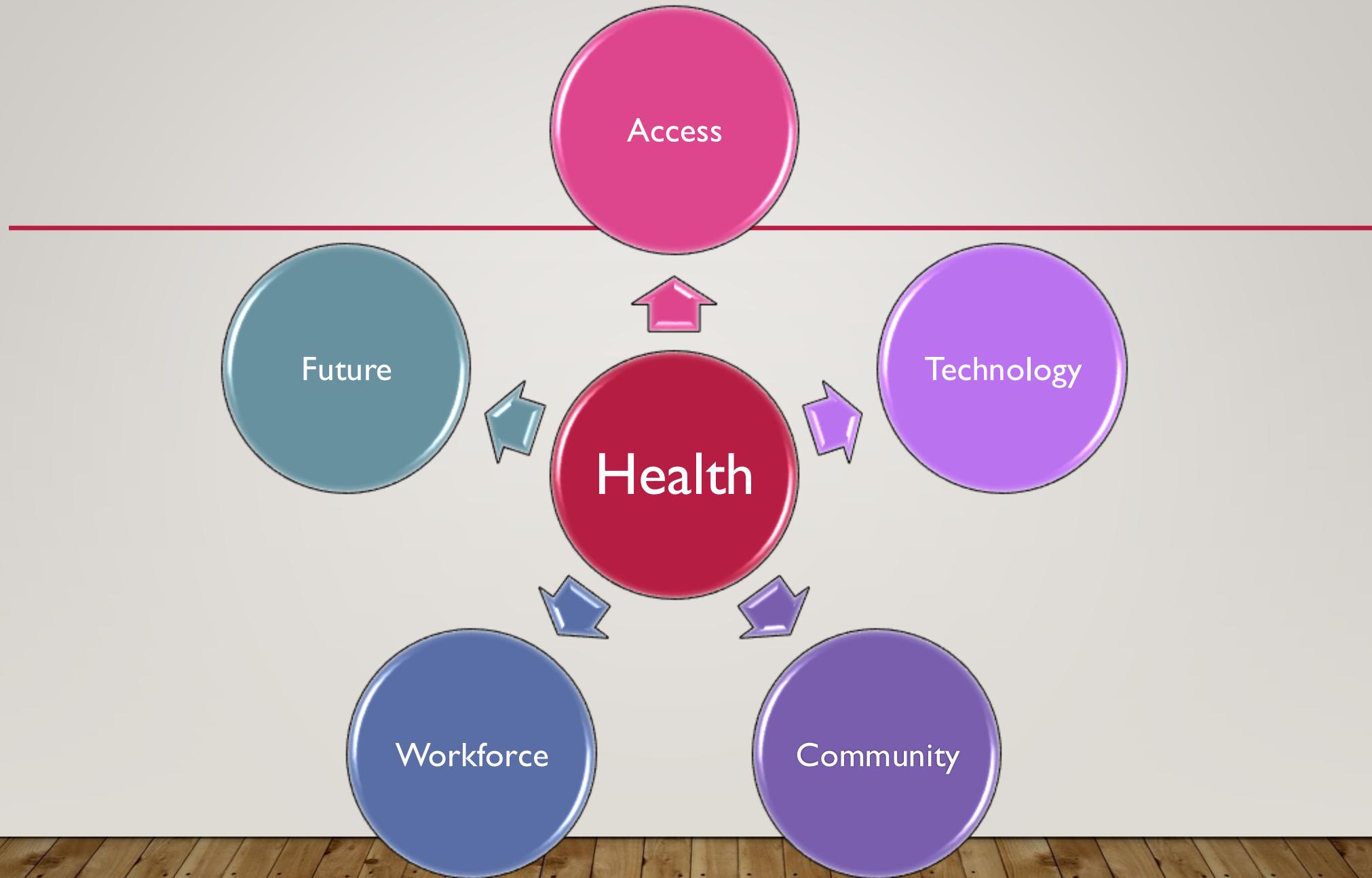
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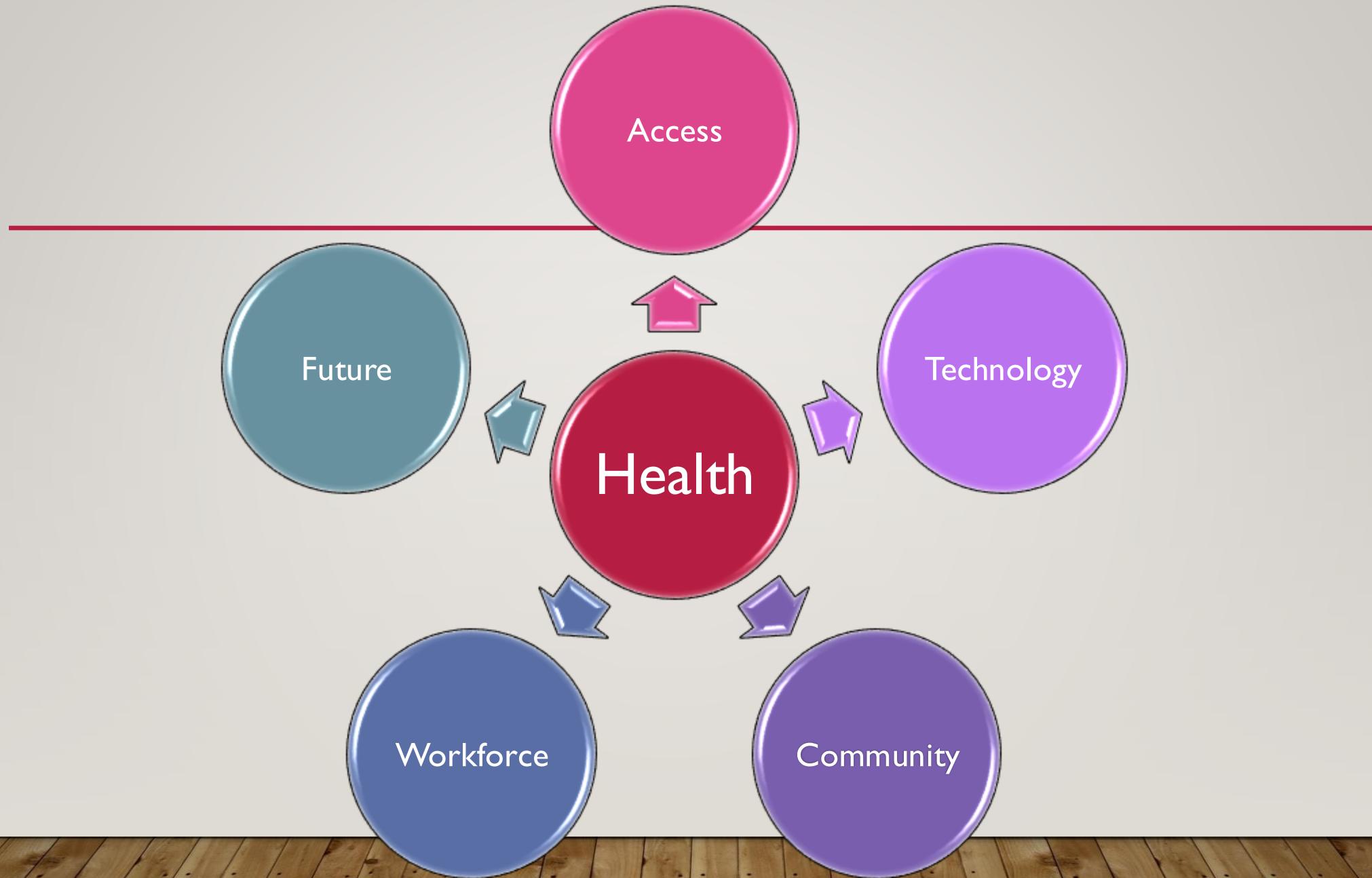
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# HEALTHCARE ACCESSIBILITY

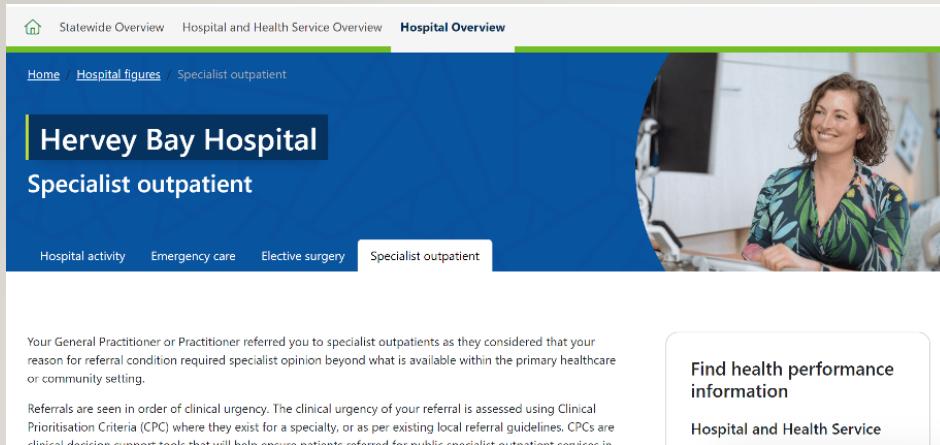
## GENERAL FACTORS

- Growth in population
- Geographical distribution
- Time to access
- Money
- Workforce

## HEALTH FACTORS

- Private hospital viability
- Reduced private health insurance
- Continued underinvestment
- Increased demand

# HEALTHCARE ACCESSIBILITY



Statewide Overview Hospital and Health Service Overview **Hospital Overview**

Home / Hospital figures / Specialist outpatient

**Hervey Bay Hospital**  
Specialist outpatient

Hospital activity Emergency care Elective surgery Specialist outpatient

Your General Practitioner or Practitioner referred you to specialist outpatients as they considered that your reason for referral condition required specialist opinion beyond what is available within the primary healthcare or community setting.

Referrals are seen in order of clinical urgency. The clinical urgency of your referral is assessed using Clinical Prioritisation Criteria (CPC) where they exist for a specialty, or as per existing local referral guidelines. CPCs are clinical decision support tools that will help ensure patients referred for public specialist outpatient services are

Find health performance information

Hospital and Health Service

## 90<sup>th</sup> Centile Wait-Times

Jan-Mar 2024

Pass for Cat 1 and 2

Concerns for Cat 3

Gen Surg 607 days

Gynae 575 days

Ortho 991 days



# TECHNOLOGICAL INTEGRATION

- Fear of data breach / slower uptake
  - Examples – Uniting Care, Medibank, Medisecure
- Covid-19 has been a catalyst
  - Telehealth
  - Phone scripts
- Electronic record



## My Health Record



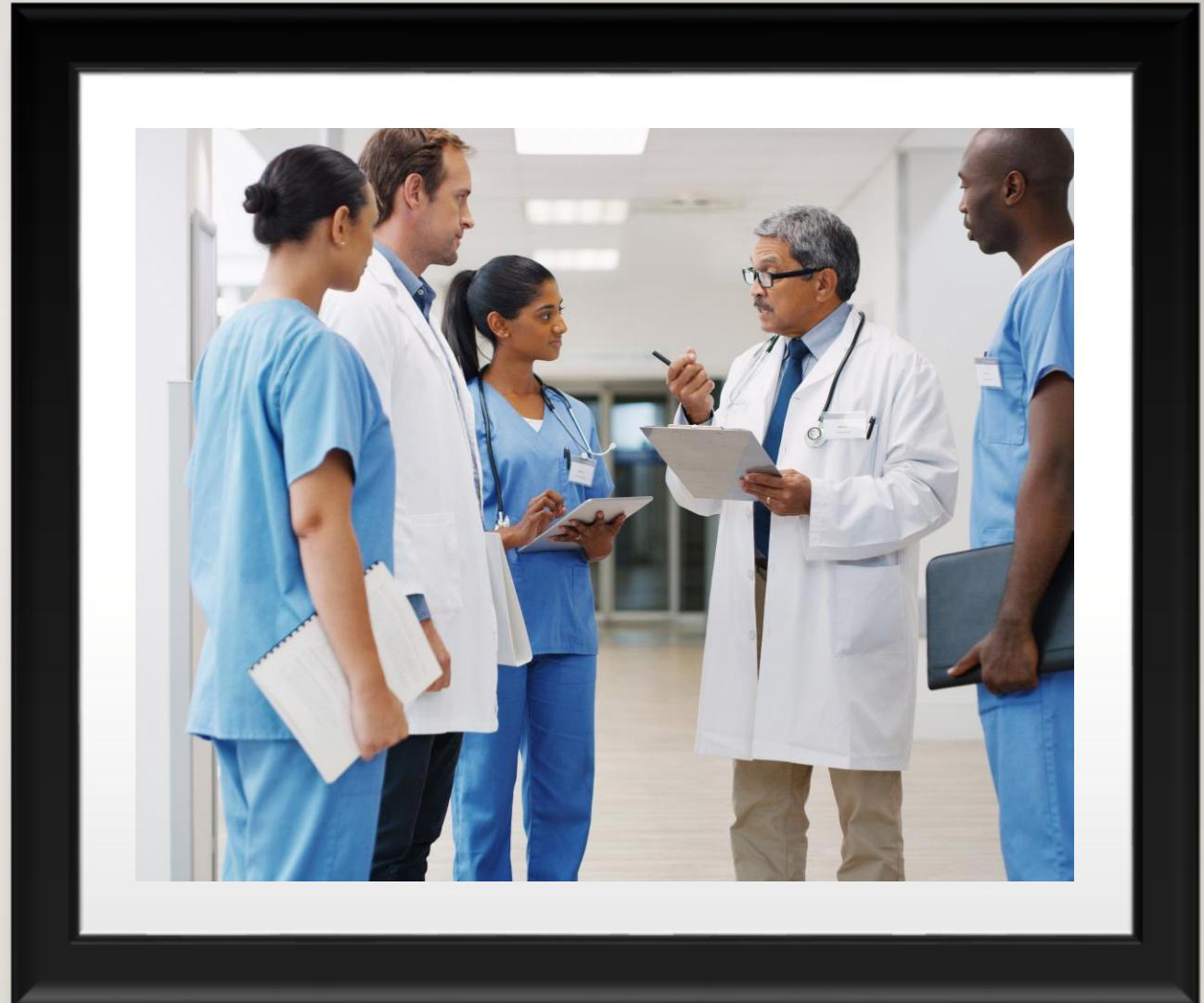
# COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVES

- Grass root strategies are key
- Prevention is key and this is paramount
- If you do not require the health system – **great**
- Community is the one that determines what are the key priorities
- Amazing groups and organisations



# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- Multifaceted problem
- Recruit and retain
- Housing
- Incentives and opportunities
- Work conditions



## FUTURE TRENDS



Data Sharing and Integration



Improved efficiency with existing infrastructure



Increased Public and Private agreements



Networked models of care



Fly in fly out



Artificial intelligence / Augmented intelligence



# SUMMARY

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Healthcare accessibility – there are challenges



Rising cost – improve efficiencies



Technology will assist – still need workforce



Investment and long-term planning is key

# QUESTIONS

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