

Foreword

500020 3 .2.00 Many people undertake a capital development only once in their working life and may not be familiar with capital planning processes. These Guidelines therefore include not only information on capital planning, but also information on current policy directions. They also include information on service and facility planning that will be useful for any agency undertaking the planning, design and construction of a health facility. The Guidelines promote the importance of clearly defining a Service Plan, Model of Care and Operational Policies for the facility before embarking on the capital planning process.

The Guidelines have been developed with recognition of the fact that all parties involved in a facility planning process have a responsibility to ensure that they develop Health Care Facilities that comply with legislation. They also have a responsibility to ensure that Health Care Facility developments are designed to minimise asset management and maintenance costs and maximise efficiencies.