

Graeme Kershaw has worked in the Australian health system for nearly 30 years and has been the CEO of the North West Slopes Division of General Practice (the Division) since September 2001 and a Director of its subsidiary company since 2005.

Prior to this he worked in the public health authority, the New England Area Health Service in charge of mental health services. Graeme has experience in clinical care and management in both the public and private sectors during his career. He has served on both State and National committees as a rural primary health and mental health representative.

Graeme works alongside the Board of the Division, putting their strategic vision for the organisation into plans, contracts and programs.

The Division created Peel Health Care, a progressive general medical practice in Tamworth a regional city in response to a chronic shortage of General Practitioners. Peel Health Care has been operating for more than 4 years and is the largest multi doctor general practice in the region. It has significantly expanded the role of nurses in general practice and integrates allied health care with its contracted podiatrist, dietitian, physiotherapist and psychologist.

The Division also operates Life Solutions North West, a primary mental health & allied health practice and is the auspice organisation for the Tamworth Aboriginal Medical Service which provides health care to a large proportion of the local indigenous community.

The Division provides employment for over 70 people and supports both health practitioners and local communities through its activities.

The Division is accredited with the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards; is a registered charity and provides local infrastructure for the delivery of health solutions through general practice and primary health care.