

Driving Oral Health Reform- are we there yet?



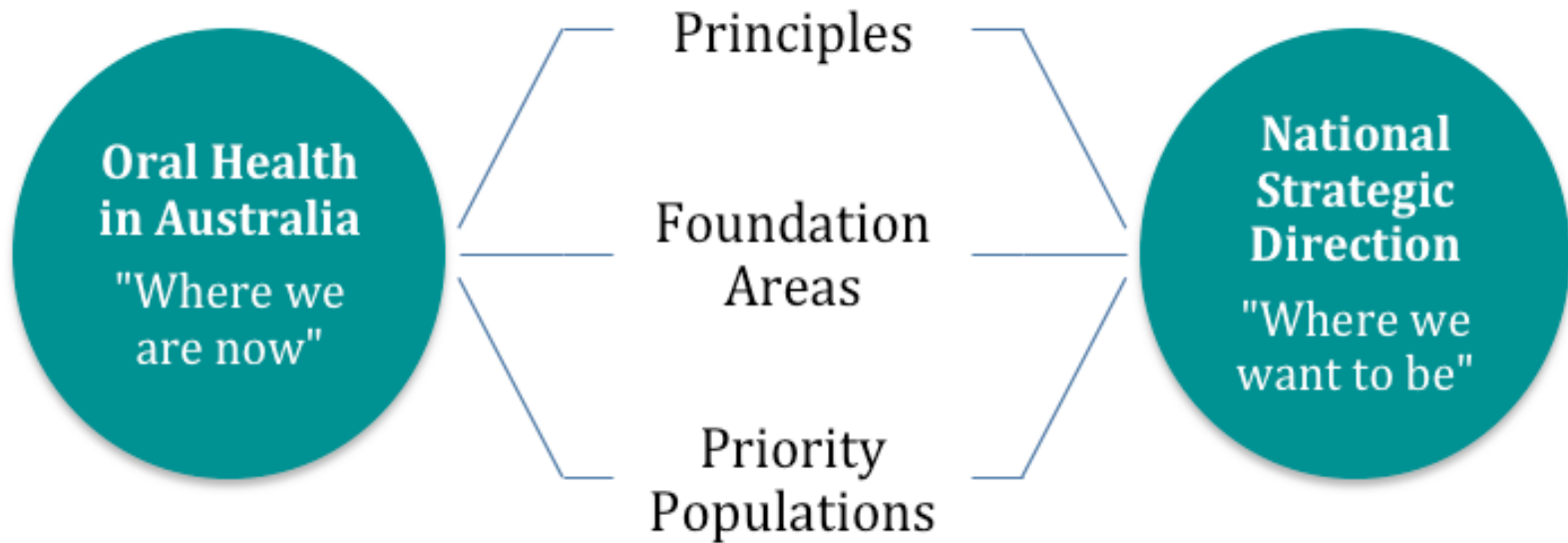
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Goal: *To reduce the prevalence, severity and impact of poor oral health AND inequalities in access to oral health treatment*

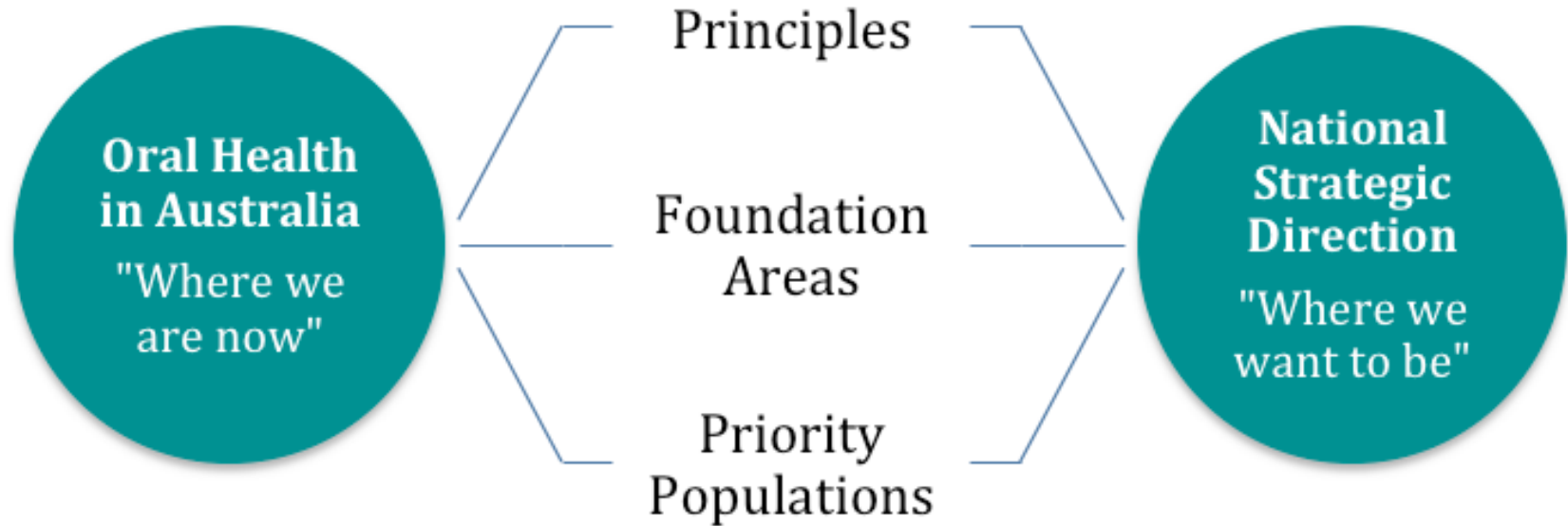
Structure of the Plan



Guiding Principles

- Recognising the determinants of oral health
- Integrating oral and general health (common risk factor approach)
- Improving access and prevention
- Supporting and strengthening population-based approaches (fluoride and research)
- Proportionate Universalism

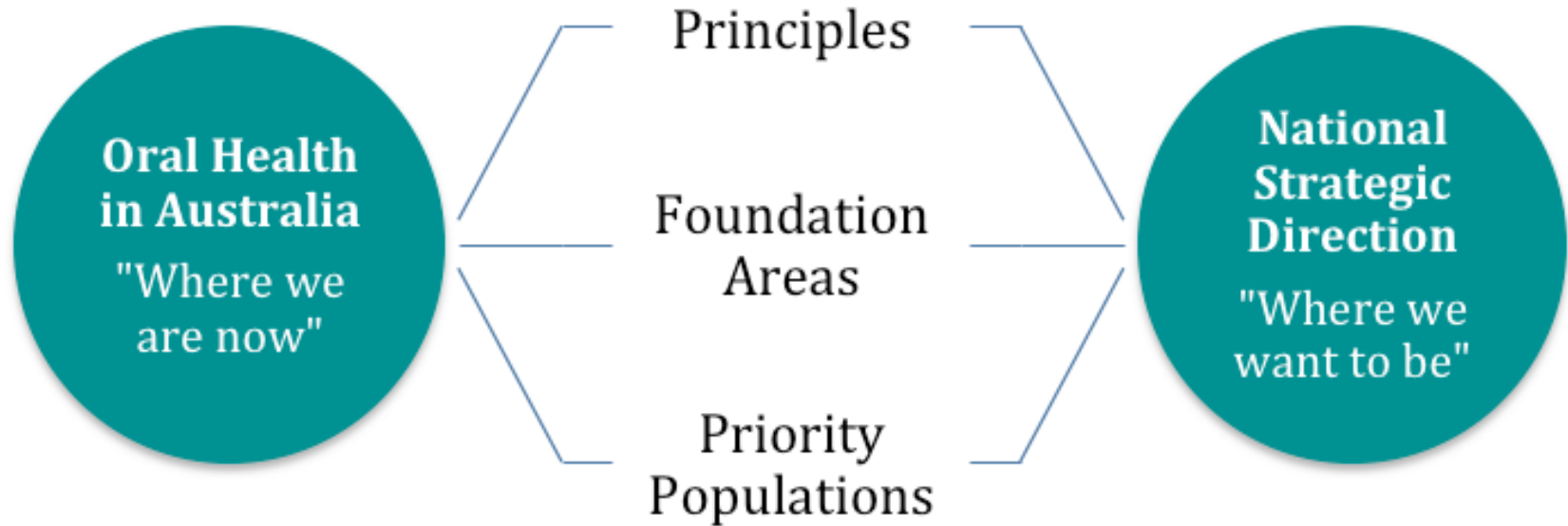
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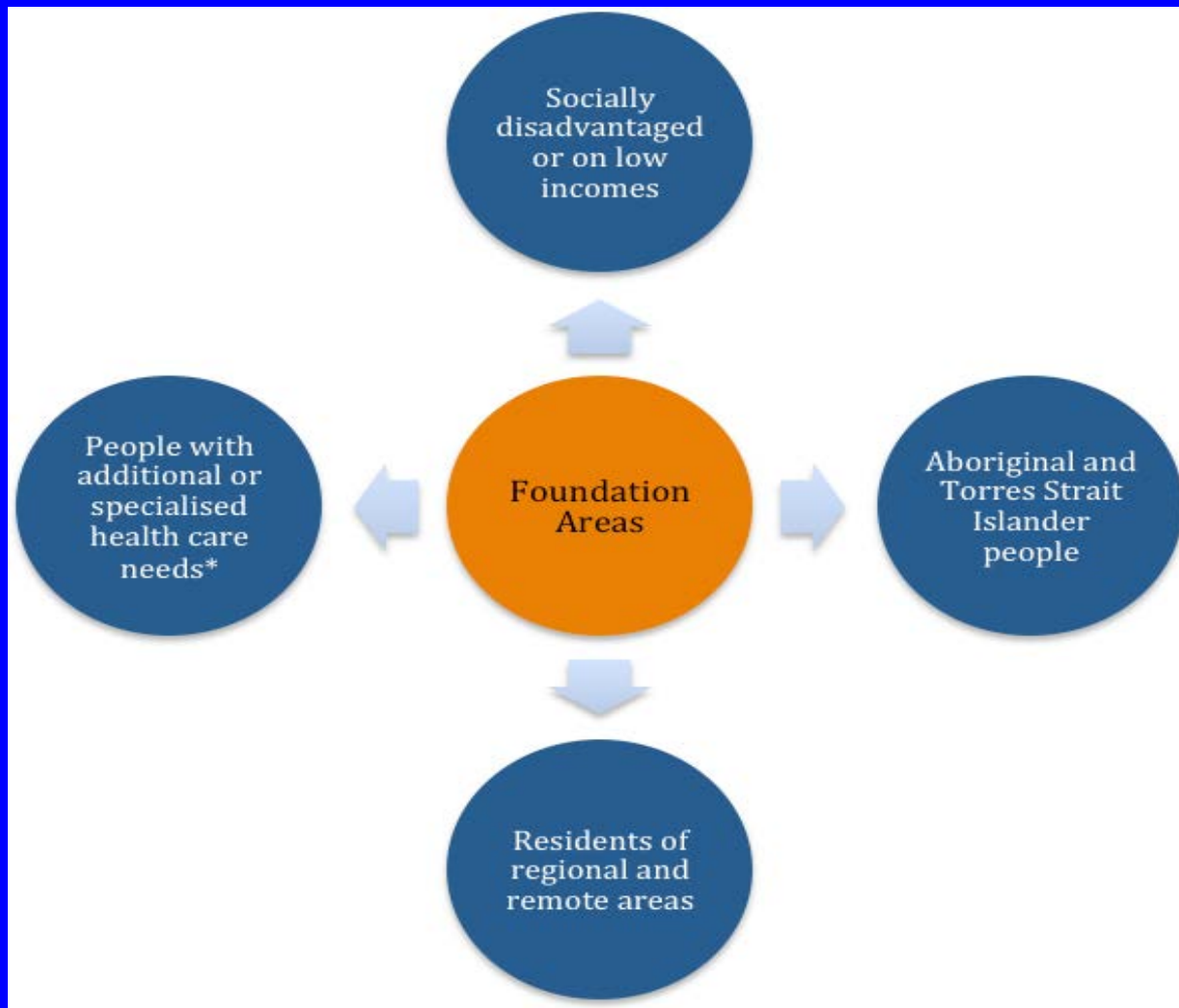
Foundation Areas



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Priority Populations



Oral Health Message 10

“Everyone has different oral health needs and risk levels which should be reflected in the frequency of check-ups.”

‘ Your Oral Health: 11 things you need to know about protecting your teeth, gums and mouth’ ARCPOH

Aphorism : You need to see an oral health professional to tell you whether you need to see an oral health professional.

Standards for frequency of access to oral health services

Life Stage

- ❖ Pregnancy
- ❖ Infancy 0- 4 years
- ❖ Childhood and adolescence 5 -17 years
- ❖ Adults
- ❖ Older Adults 65+ years

All stages should receive an oral health check- up and preventively focussed oral health care at least every 2 years.

Those with greater oral health needs should be seen more frequently.

Dimensions of accessibility - delivering relationship -centred care

Service provider Dimensions

Approachable

Acceptable

Available

Affordable

Appropriate

Consumer Dimensions

**Ability to perceive a need for
service**

Ability to seek the service needed

Ability to reach the service

Ability to pay for the service

**Ability to engage effectively with
the service**

Thank You

