



# Royal Flying Doctor Service

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The Royal Flying Doctor Service in Western Australia (RFDS) is an iconic and innovative charity, which saves lives and improves patient outcomes.

We believe everyone should have access to the best healthcare, regardless of where they live, work or travel across Western Australia.



### Our essential service



emergency retrievals



primary healthcare



telehealth consultations



medical chests

### Common diagnoses

1. injury & poisoning
2. circulatory system
3. digestive system



Source: RFDS WA data FY20

### Our COVID-19 response

To date we have transported **105\*** confirmed or suspected COVID-19 cases in WA, including:

KIMBERLEY REGION

43

PILBARA REGION

13

MIDWEST REGION

17

GOLDFIELDS REGION

14

WHEATBELT REGION

9

GREAT SOUTHERN REGION

7

Source: RFDS WA data as of 14 August 2020

\*Two patients transported from Darwin, Northern Territory

### FY20 snapshot

EMERGENCY AEROMEDICAL RETRIEVALS

9,012

MEDICAL CHESTS

551

PRIMARY HEALTHCARE PATIENTS

15,612

KILOMETRES FLOWN

7.96m

### Midwest health profile



64,884  
population



11,401  
potentially preventable hospitalisations



26%  
unable to receive hospital care in region



2.4 x  
death rate for transport accidents compared with State

Source: WA Country Health Service Regional Health Profile 2018

### Our services in the Midwest



1,648 patients transferred (151 < 15 years old)  
Average: 5 per day, 32 per week



4,855 patients attended primary healthcare clinics, including 1,083 GP 525 dental



200 medical chests located in remote locations including mine sites

Source: RFDS WA data FY20