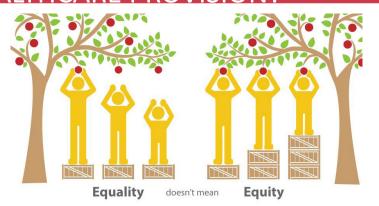
## WHAT IS EQUAL OPPORTUNITY & HOW DOES IT SUPPORT EQUITY & DIVERSITY IN HEALTHCARE PROVISION?



WA Health Equity and Diversity Strategy 2015–2020 states "WA Health is committed to ensuring the workforce is representative of the Western Australian community and is responsive to the diverse needs of patients and clients." (Message from the Director General)

Extensive and long term research in the UK has shown that while the NHS has aimed to provide equitable healthcare, inequalities remain and persist. Julian Tudor Hart first described what is termed "the inverse care law" in 1971 when he stated that: "The availability of good medical care tends to vary inversely with the need for it in the population served." ('Inequalities in the distribution of health and health care and its access, including inequalities relating to social class, gender, culture and ethnicity, and their causes', R. Steinback 2009)

What does the inverse care law look like in Western Australia and how does it link with equal opportunity and equity?

Hear more about equity and diversity in healthcare and participate in discussions regarding this at the Diversity Dialogues Forum.

Panel members include: Mike Harte from the Equal Opportunity Commission and Ruth Lopez, Senior Policy Officer, Cultural Diversity Unit, Public Health Division.

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