Joanne Symons

A physiotherapist by background, Jo Symons has worked in rural New Zealand and more recently in Townsville and Mt Isa, both as a practicing physiotherapist and in a variety of managerial health service positions. In her position as Executive Officer Health Services for North and West Queensland Primary Health Care based in Mt Isa, Jo had firsthand experience of the nature and complexities of remote primary health care service delivery. At the forefront of this were the challenges involved with attracting and retaining allied health and nursing staff.

Jo Symons currently works for Health Workforce Queensland in health services development and allied health and nursing recruitment. In her role there she assists rural and remote communities to find solutions to workforce and primary health care service issues, and acts to implement government funding in a manner that will have some real effect on health outcomes for rural and remote Queensland.