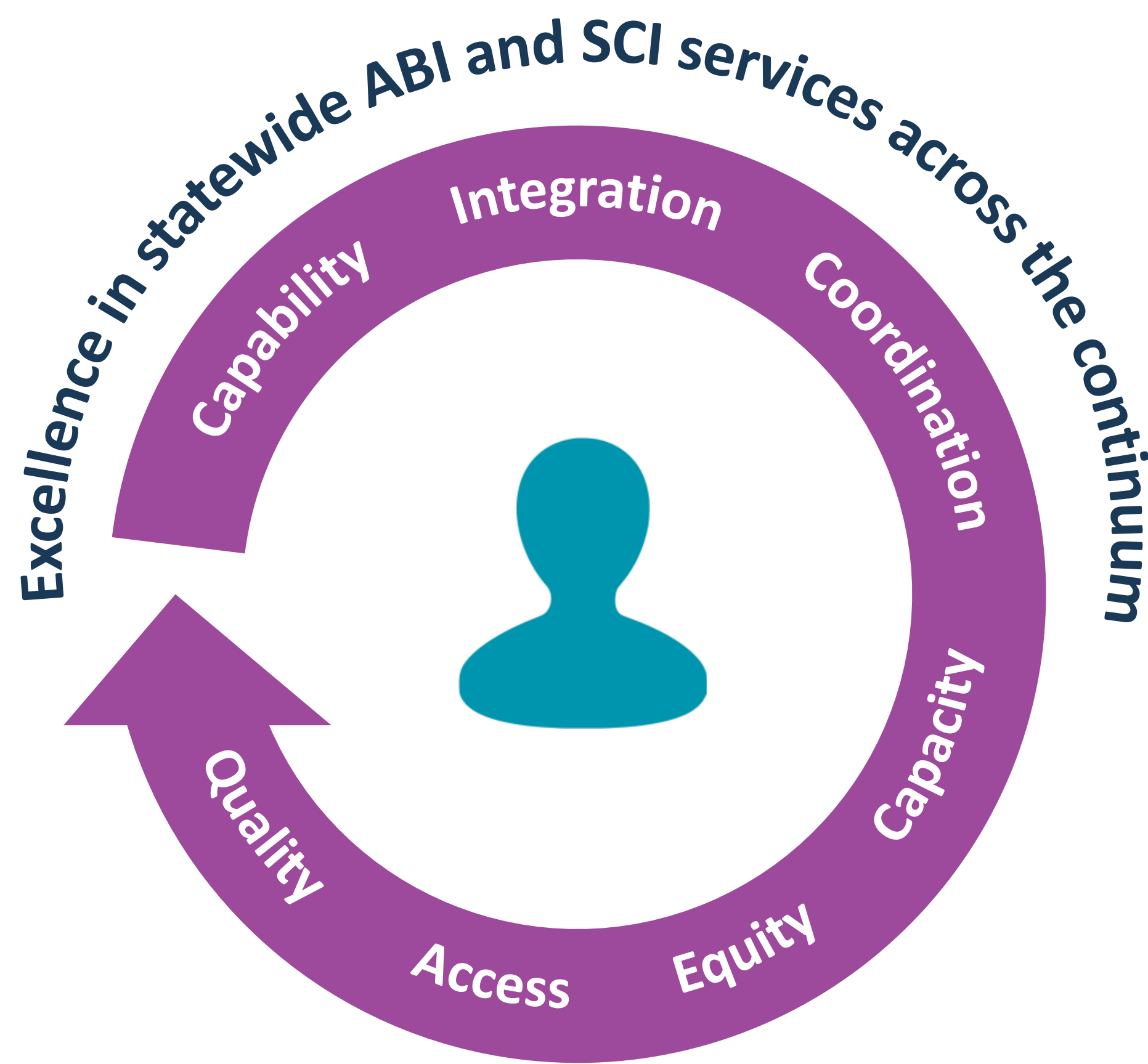


ABI SCI Connect

Working together for excellence in brain and spinal cord injury services across Queensland



Vision

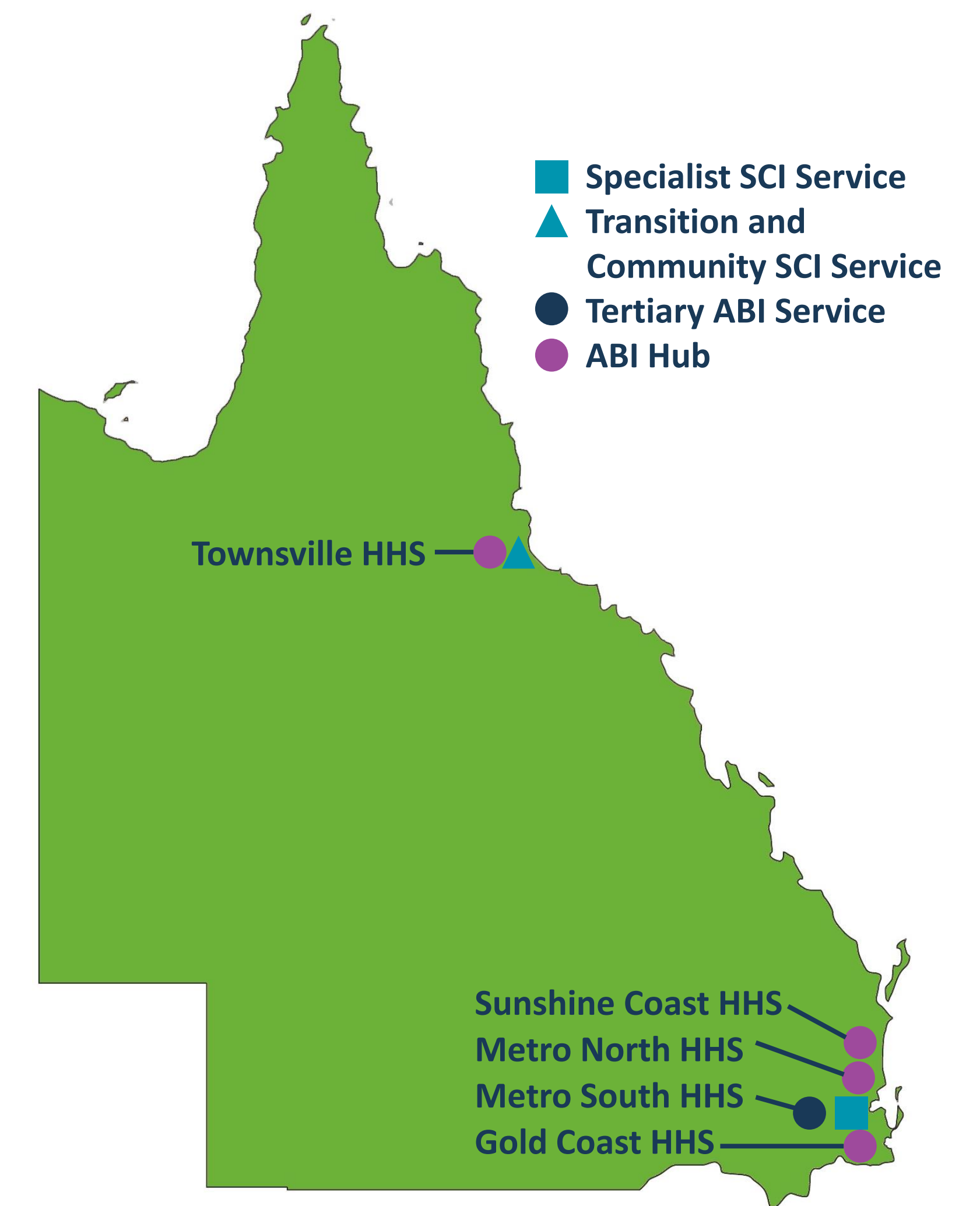
Excellence and integration in brain and spinal cord injury services

Mission

To build a capable, outcome focused and networked service system that promotes the best possible recovery and life for people with brain and spinal cord injury.

Aim

ABI SCI Connect aims to drive the implementation of the short term (one - two year) actions of the statewide adult brain injury rehabilitation and statewide adult spinal cord injury health service plans 2016-2026 (statewide plans) in collaboration with the relevant Hospital and Health Service (HHS).



Future Statewide ABI SCI Services

Key short term actions – Spinal Cord Injury

Develop an integrated spinal cord injury service

- Articulate the service profile of the Queensland Spinal Cord injury Service (QSCIS)
- Explore an 'in reach' service to major trauma hospitals
- Facilitate early notification and transfer to acute SCI services
- Develop mechanisms to provide coordinated care across HHS
- Progress a Transitional Rehabilitation Service at Townsville
- Develop a statewide clinical networking system
- Develop and maintain partnerships and linkages across the continuum

Reduce length of stay and prevent secondary complications and readmission

- Investigate and develop strategies to reduce non-value adding length of stay
- Develop capacity to manage pressure injuries across the system

Development of SCI workforce

- Identify professional development opportunities for the specialist service, generalist services, community health and NGOs
- Enhance local capability

Promote evidenced based practice

- Develop and promote statewide guidelines, pathways, resources to support consistent best practice

Key short term actions – Acquired Brain Injury

Establish tertiary and hub services across Queensland

- Define the role and service profile of the tertiary service and hub services
- Develop statewide referral pathways, transfer guidelines, networking processes and protocols.
- Commence tertiary and hub service establishment
- Develop a statewide clinical networking system

Explore opportunities to improve access and create service efficiencies

- Explore increasing use of telehealth and other smart technologies
- Streamline service provision
- Identify opportunities for community based rehabilitation

Development of ABI workforce

- Develop recommendations for workforce standards
- Identify opportunities for workforce professional development

Promote consistency and networking of statewide services

- Develop standardised and evidence-based policies, guidelines, care pathways, tools and other resources.

Develop and promote consistent data collection and management

- Develop a standardised minimum data set
- Facilitate mechanisms to inform future service planning

Increase the capability of individuals with an ABI, families and carers

- Continue to develop and promote educational resources for individuals with ABI, families and carers

Note the above actions are a summary only. For a complete list of the plan actions please see the statewide plans. <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/strategic-direction/plans/health-service>



Email: ABI.SCI.Connect@health.qld.gov.au

Phone: 07 3176 7876