

## Regional Suicide Prevention Advisory Group

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### Expressions of Interest sought from General Practitioners, Nurse Practitioners, and Allied Health Professionals

#### Background

NWMPHN is currently establishing a Regional Suicide Prevention Advisory Group to support the delivery of a number of suicide prevention programs across our catchment.

The Australian Government is investing in a national trial of suicide prevention activity and North Western Melbourne PHN is one of 12 lead sites for this initiative. There is a focus on services for those who have attempted or are identified as at high risk of attempting suicide, as a result our initial focus will be for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Intersex (LGBTI) people.

The Victorian Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Primary Health Networks (PHNs) are jointly commissioning place-based suicide prevention trials. The purpose is to trial a systemic, coordinated approach to suicide prevention, with each site supported to implement proven suicide prevention interventions. The locations in north west Melbourne are Melton/Brimbank and Macedon Ranges.

Both State and Commonwealth initiatives will use an evidence-based, systems approach and will undergo evaluation with external evaluators.

The Regional Suicide Prevention Advisory Group will advise and support NWMPHN as we implement all three suicide prevention initiatives. The group will work together to address strategic priorities and to provide advice and guidance to proposed approaches to commissioning and leveraging regional networks and services.

Membership includes representation from Emergency Services, Aboriginal Health, Mental Health Services, Local Hospitals, People with Lived Experience, Peak Bodies, Academics, and Government Agencies. To compliment this group, **NWMPHN is seeking the involvement of a General Practitioner, Nurse Practitioners, and Allied Health Professionals.** The term of membership is until 31 June 2018, with the opportunity for extension as determined by NWMPHN. GPs from outer metropolitan locations are encouraged to consider this opportunity.

Where required, NWMPHN will provide payment to eligible Advisory Group members based on the NWMPHN Stakeholder Reimbursement Policy. (*Policy available upon request*).



## What is involved?

- Provision of advice to NWMPHN in planning and service development to coordinate the delivery of the suicide prevention initiatives.
- Collaborative efforts to address strategic priorities and to provide advice and guidance to proposed approaches for the commissioning of local services.
- Provision of feedback on documents such as draft proposals, criteria guidelines and professional or consumer resources.
- Attendance at four (4) meetings per year via face to face and/or via teleconference.
- Please note the first meeting will be held on **Thursday 17 August at 10-12pm** at 369 Royal Parade, Level 5, Parkville.

## How to apply

Send your EOI application to [Michal.morris@nwmpHN.org.au](mailto:Michal.morris@nwmpHN.org.au) **COB Monday 7 August 2017**. For further information call on (03) 9347 1188.

### ABOUT PHNs

Funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health, PHNs began operation on 1 July 2015 and are responsible for coordinating primary health care and facilitating improved health outcomes in their local community. Melbourne Primary Care Network operates the North Western Melbourne PHN.

# EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: Application

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<b>Name:</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> General Practitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Nurse Practitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Allied Health Professional
<b>Name of Practice:</b>		
<b>Practice Address:</b>		
<b>Contact Details:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Email:</b>
<b>Questions</b>		
<b>Please describe your current activity in supporting patients experiencing mental illness and/or suicidal behaviours.</b>		
<b>What are your priorities in regards to suicide prevention?</b>		
<b>Are you confident that you will be able to attend the majority of scheduled meetings?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>Have you completed Mental Health Skills Training? Please specify.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>Have you completed suicide prevention training? Please specify.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>What key knowledge/experience will you bring to the group to support the work of the NWMPHN?</b>		

## Additional Comments

*Please provide any additional information to support your application*

We acknowledge the peoples of the Kulin nation as the Traditional Owners of the land on which our work in the community takes place. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



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