

## STRENGTHENING CARE FOR CHILDREN PILOT STUDY

### Would you like further support to manage paediatric patients in your general practice and advice on managing child health?

The Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) and North Western Melbourne PHN (NWMPHN) are pleased to announce the *Strengthening Care for Children* pilot project.

We seek 6 practices in the north western Melbourne region to participate in monthly in-practice paediatric consultations with paediatricians from RCH who will co-lead multi- case discussions.

Paediatricians will also conduct consulting sessions with participating GPs at your practice to provide shared care to your paediatric patients.

#### Practices in the pilot will receive:

- Co-located RCH Paediatrician on a weekly basis for patient co-consultations;
- Monthly 90-minute case conference discussion for health professionals with RCH Paediatrician;
- Business day support (via email or phone) from the RCH paediatricians; and,
- RACGP CPD points for participating General Practitioners.

#### Practice Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the pilot practices must:

- Be an accredited general practice located within the north western Melbourne region;
- Have Best Practice or Medical Director 3 software;
- Be able to complete the service/ project between Nov 2017 and Nov 2018; and,
- Have the capacity to co-locate (available room) and manage bookings (reception staff capacity).

#### Practice Participation Criteria

All general practices who participate in the pilot will be required to:

- 1: Provide a room on a weekly basis to the visiting Paediatrician (April-Nov 18);
- 2: Manage bookings and reminders for Paediatrician appointments at GP practices (April-Nov 18);
- 3: Attend monthly 90-minute multi-topic case discussions (April-Nov 18);
- 4: Provide protected time for staff and clinicians to participate in pilot activity;
- 5: Install audit and data collection software (GRHANITE and PEN CAT; provided free to the practice);
- 6: Attend two days of co-design, education and training events;
- 7: Receive regular general practice support visits by the project team;
- 8: Receive a HealthPathways demonstration;
- 9: Complete all evaluation and research requirements including monthly data submission; and,
- 10: Record coded diagnosis and referral activities for all children (0-18).



## Approximate Timelines and Activities

Activity	Date
Applications open	25 October 2017
Applications close	17 November 2017
Practices selected by pilot study panel	November 2017
Orientation meeting with project team	November/December 2017
GP practices enrolled in study	December-January 2018
GRHANITE / PEN CAT installed at each practice	December-January 2018
Co-design and training workshops	February/March (TBC)
Baseline data collection (GP surveys)	February and March 2018
Commencement of co-located Pediatrician	April – November 2018
Outcome data collection (GP surveys)	July and August 2018
Project evaluation period	September – November 2018

## Funding

Participating general practices will receive \$7,000.00 excluding GST to facilitate the project within their practice. Funding will be allocated in instalments, based on achieving scheduled activity and project milestones.

## Assessment and Selection Criteria

General practices will be assessed against the Strengthening Care For Children pilot application form by the project selection panel. General practices may be required to participate in a second phase application. Priority will be given to high referrers to RCH, Sunshine and Werribee Mercy Hospitals

## How to Apply and More Information

Further information is available in the Information Sheet attached.

Please complete attached application and return to

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**Application Due date:** Friday 17 November



# EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: Application

## GENERAL PRACTICE STRENGTHENING CARE FOR CHILDREN PILOT

PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR GENERAL PRACTICE DETAILS	
NAME OF GENERAL PRACTICE:	
ABN:	
PROJECT LEAD CONTACT PERSON:	
CONTACT PHONE:	
CONTACT FAX:	
ADDRESS:	
CONTACT EMAIL:	
YOUR GENERAL PRACTICE	
Accredited or working towards accreditation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Working towards
Accreditation/ Re-accreditation date:	_____
Accreditation agency?	<input type="checkbox"/> GPA <input type="checkbox"/> AGPAL
Do you have Best Practice or Medical Director 3 software? <i>NB: Only practices who have Best Practice or MD3 are eligible to participate</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Software and version _____
Able to provide protected time for staff/ clinicians to participate in pilot activity?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Able to provide a room on a weekly basis to visiting Paediatric (April-Nov 19)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Day(s) room available? Please list _____
Able to manage bookings and reminders for Paediatrician appointments at GP practice?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Able to provide protected time for clinicians to attend monthly 90-minute multi-topic case discussions (April-Nov 19)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Willing to install audit and data collection software? (GRHANITE and PEN CAT)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Need more information?
Signed or willing to sign a CAT Plus Agreement?	<input type="checkbox"/> Have signed <input type="checkbox"/> Have not signed but will <input type="checkbox"/> Will not sign <input type="checkbox"/> Need more information?

Able to provide two general practitioners, one practice nurse and one administration representatives, to attend a two day co design workshop (February Date TBC)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Willing to receive a demonstration and utilise HealthPathways? Demonstration date? <i>Clinical or staff meeting during 2017-2018</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Complete all evaluation and research requirements including monthly data submission?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Provide protected time and support for clinicians to record coded diagnosis and referral activities for all children 0-18 (April-Nov) in their existing electronic medical record system.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

PLEASE IDENTIFY AND LIST HEALTH PROFESSIONALS WHO WISH TO BE INVOLVED WITH THE PILOT  
Please identify a lead for each of the disciplines below and list additional clinicians/staff who will be involved (must be a minimum of two (2) staff per practice).

Please list interested general practitioners and current FTE:

GENERAL PRACTITIONER	FTE
GENERAL PRACTITIONER LEAD:	

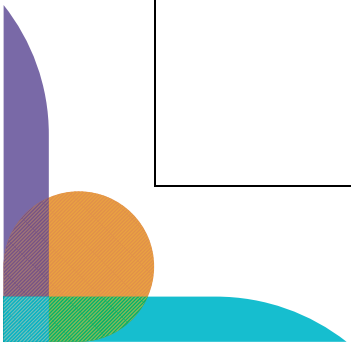
Please list interested practice nurses and current FTE:

PRACTICE NURSE	FTE
PRACTICE NURSE LEAD:	

Please list administration staff current FTE:

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ADMINISTRATION STAFF	FTE
ADMINISTRATION STAFF LEAD:	
<p>If not two identified people, please provide reason:</p>	
<p><b>DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION:</b></p>	
<p>WHAT IS THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS SEEN IN YOUR PRACTICE AGED 0-18?  <i>(Please use PEN CAT or Clinical Database search)</i></p>	
<p>WHY DOES YOUR GENERAL PRACTICE WISH TO BE INVOLVED IN PILOT STUDY? <i>(200 words)</i></p>	
<p>WHO WILL BENEFIT? <i>(100 words)</i></p>	
<p>PLEASE OUTLINE HOW YOU WILL SUPPORT PILOT ACTIVITIES BEING IMPLEMENTED IN YOUR GENERAL PRACTICE? <i>(200 words)</i></p>	



## BUDGET

*Successful practices will receive a small grant of \$7,000.00 to implement pilot activities.  
Please outline your general practices anticipated expenditure.*

<i>Item Description</i>	<i>Cost</i>
<i>Total Expenditure</i>	

Please send your Application to [Jessica.holman@nwmpfn.org.au](mailto:Jessica.holman@nwmpfn.org.au) or fax to (03) 9347 7433 by **Friday 17 November**.

