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New tender: \$600k to help identify early signs of developmental delay

North Western Melbourne Primary Health Network (NWMPHN) is investing \$600,000 in new services to help parents and families monitor their children's development and identify the early signs of developmental delay.

Parents spend significant time with their children at home, which puts them in the best position to observe child behaviours and identify how their child is tracking against developmental milestones.

NWMPHN Deputy CEO Julie Borninkhof said the new service will help achieve better outcomes for at-risk children, while supporting their families and the child health sector more broadly.

"Parents and families are a child's first and most important educators and have a significant ongoing influence on their children's development," Ms Borninkhof said.

"Building the capacity of families to identify concerns early is a powerful predictor of achieving better outcomes for children in our region."

A new tender worth \$600,000 over two years seeks local service providers to bring together a range of expertise to respond to the complex needs of diverse parents and families.

Applicants are encouraged to submit innovative tenders and will need to apply through Tenderlink. Visit <u>https://www.tenderlink.com/mpcn/</u>

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ABOUT PHNs

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