

New networks and advisory groups

for all primary health care providers in the north western Melbourne region



**General Practice
Advisory Group**



**Primary Health
Care
Advisory Group
(Interdisciplinary)**



Local Networks
• **Practice Manager Network**
• **Practice Nurses Network**



**Regional Network
(Interdisciplinary)**



**North Western
Melbourne Primary
Health Network**
*Existing groups
include:*

- *Clinical Advisors*
- *Clinical Council*
- *Community Council*

A new model for primary health care providers to connect, learn and advocate

We heard from our consultation that primary health care providers want to be involved in the PHN. We are keen to increase the clinical involvement in our planning. As part of this new model, new advisory groups will be created to engage leaders and experts in our region and to build on the work of the Community and Clinical Councils. These advisory structures and networks will give primary health care a voice and a way to get involved to innovate and implement change.

- A **General Practice Advisory Group** and a **Primary Health Care Advisory Group** will be established to provide advice to inform NWMPHN planning, activities and reform
- **Networks for practice managers and practice nurses** will be a chance to learn alongside your peers.
- **Regional networks** will provide an opportunity for primary health care providers including pharmacists, allied health, aged care nurses and general practice to learn together through continuing professional development and facilitated networking.

These groups will help inform how we engage and work with you. They will also share challenges, promote innovation, and help identify what is important to our communities. They will provide a place to connect people who have the same goals, from different roles and organisations, to help each other. These networks and advisory structures will link with and report to the existing Clinical and Community Councils.

There will also be opportunities for primary care providers to get involved and contribute to PHN activity outside of these formalised network structures. These will be promoted in our regular newsletters.

How you can get involved

- Expressions of Interest will be promoted in our email newsletters and are linked below.
- You can also subscribe to our new **General Practice Newsletter** where you can keep up to date with news relevant to general practice.
- Subscribe to the fortnightly email – **Network News** for all PHN updates. **Sign up to our newsletters via nwmpnh.org.au/news-events/subscribe/.**

Advisory groups and networks explained



General Practice Advisory Group (GPAG)

Advise on general practice and NWMPHN priorities; program design and implementation; and workforce development, education and training.

- Membership includes: 3 GPs, 3 practice nurses, 3 practice managers, regional representation from north, west, central.
- GP members will co-chair the Regional Network. Practice nurse and practice manager members will chair Practice Nurse/Practice Manager Networks.
- 5 face to face meetings per year.

How to get involved

Expression of Interest. All are welcome to apply.

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Primary Health Care Advisory Group (PHCAG)

Provide advice to inform NWMPHN planning, activities and reform, **including Regional Network priorities.**

- Membership includes: Advisors from GPAG and Chairs of the Regional Networks (pharmacy and allied health).
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How to get involved

Advisory group bringing general practice and other primary care providers will be further developed once the GPAG has been established.

Practice Manager Network

Provide relevant education and updates on regional health priorities and reforms; and facilitate networking. CPD included.
Provide advice to inform NWMPHN planning, activities and reform.

- Open to practice managers from the NWMPHN area.
- Chaired by practice manager representatives from the GPAG.
- Practice Manager Network - 3 meetings per region/ per year (central, north and west).

How to get involved

Meeting times will be promoted in our regular email newsletters.

Practice Nurse Network

Provide relevant education and updates on regional health priorities and reforms; and facilitate networking. CPD included.
Provide advice to inform NWMPHN planning, activities and reform.

- Open to practice nurses from the NWMPHN area.
- Chaired by practice nurse representatives from the GPAG.
- Practice Nurses Network - 3 meetings per year

How to get involved

Meeting times will be promoted in our regular email newsletters.



Regional Network (for all providers, including allied health and pharmacy)

An interdisciplinary network to bring together local primary health care providers, including general practice, allied health and pharmacy, to receive education on regional health priorities and current reforms, facilitate networking of regional providers, seek advice and views of network participants to inform NWMPHN planning, activities and reform.

- Open to all regional primary health care providers including, general practice, allied health, pharmacy, Aboriginal health workers, community nurses, residential aged care facility staff.
- Co-chaired by allied health/pharmacy member and GP member of PHCAG.
- 2 events per region (central, north and west) per year.

How to get involved

Meeting times and Expression of Interest for allied health/pharmacy chairs of Regional Networks will be promoted in our regular email newsletters.

For more information call (03) 9347 1188 or email primarycare@nwmpnhn.org.au

