



## Media Release

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### Paving the way with over 300 pathways available

*HealthPathways*, a ground-breaking online solution has reached a significant milestone, surpassing more than 300 live pathways, and further extending on the wide variety of locally relevant information and resources aimed at enhancing patient management and referral.

Since its initial launch in November 2013, Western Sydney *HealthPathways* has continued to gain momentum across the region as health professionals in both primary and secondary care utilise, explore and support the development of the clinical portal.

To date over 270 western Sydney health professionals have participated in the development of pathways across a wide variety of health conditions and specialist areas. Each pathway has been created using the expertise and experience of local general practitioners, hospital specialists, nurses, and allied health providers, to help ensure western Sydney patients receive the right care, at the right time, by the right health professional.

In 2016, the portal site was accessed over 16,000 times, which saw a 50% increase on the previous year's access figures. This year *HealthPathways* will continue to evolve as new clinical streams become available, and additional features are launched within the portal including: a health service directory database, improved mobile device interface, and the ability to jump between *HealthPathways* regions without the need to re-login.

To access *HealthPathways* visit: <https://westernsydney.healthpathways.org.au>. To obtain login details or for more information, please email [healthpathways@wentwest.com.au](mailto:healthpathways@wentwest.com.au) or contact the team on (02) 8811 7100.

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**About WentWest**

WentWest's focus on providing better health care in the community was strengthened with its appointment as a Tranche 1 Medicare Local in July 2011 to now operating as the Western Sydney Primary Health Network. WentWest has built on its experience as a Division of General Practice in supporting GPs and their practices, connecting health services to meet local needs, and striving for better health outcomes for western Sydney.

The population living in western Sydney is culturally, linguistically and socio-economically diverse, and we also have the largest urban Aboriginal community in Australia. WentWest works closely with doctors, allied health professionals, the Local Health District and many others to improve the coordination of local health and human services for these patients and their families.