

COMMISSIONING ANNOUNCEMENT

WENTWEST TO RELEASE TENDER FOR THE INTEGRATED TEAM CARE (ITC) PROGRAM IN WESTERN SYDNEY

WentWest are committed to commissioning the very best health care services across the region with one of our key priorities being Aboriginal Health. The Integrated Team Care (ITC) program offers Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have a chronic health condition extra support to manage those conditions, through a team of Care Coordinators and Outreach workers, financial support for out of pocket expenses, access to specialist and allied health providers, medical aids, equipment, and transport to attend medical appointments, as needed.

In the coming weeks WentWest will be releasing the tender details for the Integrated Team Care Program for the 2020-2021 financial year via TenderLink. While the funding is currently only for a 12-month period, we anticipate funding will be made available in subsequent years for this program and would like to commission a provider who is looking to develop a long-term working relationship with WentWest. Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCO) or organisations who have experience working with Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander communities are particularly encouraged to review the tender and consider applying to deliver this much needed and valued service in Western Sydney. We are committed to delivering the best possible outcomes for our community, so wish to encourage local and out of region organisations with the skills and commitment to consider applying.

Organisations that are interested in this opportunity are encouraged to register on TenderLink: <https://www.tenderlink.com/wentwest/> as soon as possible. This will ensure access to the tender documentation as soon as it is released. We anticipate that the tender will remain open for 4 weeks to allow providers to develop their service proposal and submit their bid.

Further information on the Integrated Team Care program can also be found on the Department of Health website: <https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/indigenous-funding-lp>

WentWest will work across the community with Elders, community members, Board members, staff, Western Sydney Local Health District, academics, community organisations, MPs, and more, to take an innovative approach in how we listen to and embed the Aboriginal voice throughout our organisation from a Board and policy level down. We remain deeply committed to the health needs of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and look forward to an innovative and exciting year in this priority area.

We will be holding an information session on **Monday 16th March at 2.00pm** to provide an overview of the service, answer questions regarding the service to be delivered, and an overview of how to prepare for completing a tender bid.

Integrated Team Care Program Information Session Details:

Date and Time: Monday 16th March 2.00-4.00pm

Venue: WentWest Level 1, 85 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown

Parking is available in the Kmart carpark next door to our building.

If you would like to register your interest in attending this session, please email rowena.tagaloe@wentwest.com.au



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WentWest would like to acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as Australia's First Nation Peoples and the Traditional Custodians of this land. We value their culture, identity, and continuing connection to country, waters, kin and community. We would like to acknowledge and give our respect to Elders past, present and future. We are committed to making a valued contribution to the wellbeing of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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