

Happy New Year

Happy New Year and welcome to the first issue of Weekly Update for 2018.

Following a very successful 2017, we are excited for what's to come this year as we continue to work with our partners and health professionals within the region to provide better health outcomes for the local community.

WentWest, the Western Sydney Primary Health Network (WSPHN) aims to identify and commission new services within priority areas in partnership with GPs, health professionals, consumers, carers and the community, and hopes to expand our current commissioned services for Aboriginal health, alcohol & other drugs, aged care, child & family health, chronic & complex conditions, mental health and population health. WentWest will also continue to work with local GPs on the progression of Patient Centred Medical Home principles and the Health Care Homes program across the region. New education opportunities will be available for both health professionals and the community throughout the year.

As always, the Weekly Update will feature relevant articles, the latest health news and events for western Sydney health professionals. Additionally, we also produce Connections and the Primary Care Update. Connections is a monthly mental health newsletter and you can subscribe by emailing pir@wentwest.com.au. The Primary Care Update is a weekly publication focusing on primary health care news. Email support@wentwest.com.au to subscribe.

You can also stay on top of health care news by following us on Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook.

We look forward to sharing our news with you and hope you continue to stay connected to WentWest throughout 2018.



Events

NDIS Plan Implementation Workshops

Thursday 25th January 2018

10:00am - 11:30am

My Health Record Webinar Series - Consumer privacy, consent, control & security

Thursday 1st February 2018

5:00pm - 6:00pm

My Health Record Webinar Series - Change management & communicating with consumers

Thursday 8th February 2018

5:00pm - 6:00pm

Other News

Need for residential rehab services in western Sydney

WentWest CEO Walter Kmet and Tony Hunter from Marrin Weejali Aboriginal Corporation discussed the need for alcohol and drug residential rehabilitation services in western Sydney during an ABC Radio Sydney interview last week.

"I think the need is high and I think there is essentially a gap between what the need is and what the services in place currently are", said Walter Kmet.

You can listen to the segment on the ABC Radio Sydney website.

ePIP quarter ending soon

Practices that are registered for ePIP need to ensure they meet their Shared Health Summary (SHS) upload target (0.5 percent of their Standardised Whole Patient Equivalent (SWPE)) for My Health Record each quarter to be eligible for ePIP payments.

The current ePIP quarter ends on Wednesday, 31st January.

Contact the Practice Development Team on 8811 7117 for support, resources or training.

Survey: Understanding primary care nurse education needs

To help assist in gaining a clearer understanding of the chronic disease education needs of primary care nurses, we welcome nurses to complete our online survey.

All respondents who complete the survey will go into the draw to win one of two Event Cinema Gold Class double passes. WentWest is committed to delivering education and professional development for primary care nurses in western Sydney and feedback will guide the planning of chronic disease education for 2018.

GP Association meeting

The below GP Association meeting is upcoming in western Sydney:

Mount Druitt: Western Sydney Connections Primary Mental Health Services Under a Stepped Care Approach -
Friday, 19th January

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