

Collaborative Pairs Australia – Call for applications

Consumers Health Forum of Australia (CHF) in association with Western Sydney Primary Health Network (WSPHN) invites you to consider applying for a unique leadership opportunity: Collaborative Pairs Australia.

Collaborative Pairs marks the beginning of a transformation in health leadership, one where consumers and service providers work in genuine partnership to lead person-centred health care, services and systems. The initiative is designed to enable health professionals (clinicians and service providers) and consumers to develop capacity in working collaboratively to influence and transform the health system.

Collaborative Pairs Australia is a partnership between CHF and the King's Fund, an independent charity in the UK to trial and evaluate the King's Fund flagship program, Collaborative Pairs in the Australian context. This National Demonstration Trial is being co-ordinated by CHF and funded by four Primary Health Networks (Western NSW, Western Sydney, North Western Melbourne and South Eastern Melbourne) and the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care.

This program will appeal to consumers and health service providers who are excited by the opportunity to participate as a pair in a leadership development program that will facilitate transformational change within the health system. Facilitating this ground-breaking program for WSPHN will be Dr Walid (Wally) Jammal and Debra Kay, who were selected to travel to the UK in March to undertake the program at the King's Fund as part of an initial trial.

Debra is a consumer representative and is the Consumer Lead. She has worked for many years in community health partnerships to build accessible, safe and effective health care. Wally is the clinical lead, a GP and an associate Clinical Lecturer at the University of Sydney and Western Sydney University. He has a strong interest in health economics and models of care in general practice, foremost the Patient Centred Medical Home framework. His practice is a lead site in the Commonwealth's Health Care Home trial and the NSW Integrated Care project. He was awarded NSW RACGP GP of the year for 2017.

Debra and Wally feel privileged to have learnt from the leadership expertise of the Kings Fund and excited about the opportunity to work with the Collaborative Pairs Australia Demonstration Trial. They are optimistic about the potential of this program to build the capacity and expertise of consumers and health professionals to work in genuine partnership to lead change and improve services that will improve health and wellbeing outcomes for everyone.

As part of the National Demonstration Trial, Collaborative Pairs is being implemented in four PHN regions in the first instance: Western NSW, Western Sydney, South Eastern Melbourne and North Western Melbourne. This is your opportunity to be in the first cohort to undertake this program in Australia.

Please see Invitation to Apply for more information on the program, selection criteria and how to apply.



Events

Practice nurse education - Cardiac health series: Hypertension

Monday 20th August 2018

6:30pm - 9:00pm

Antenatal shared care education

Saturday 25th August 2018

12:30pm - 5:00pm

Other News

NSW Health alert: Lead-contaminated opium

There have been cases of severe lead poisoning in NSW and Victoria believed to result from the use of illicit opium products contaminated with lead. NSW Health has released a health alert with more information. Please distribute this alert to all relevant staff in your practice.

New breast cancer pathways

Breast Cancer pathways have recently been reviewed and updated and are available on the HealthPathways portal. These pathways have been updated by local experts to support primary care, covering the following topics:

☒Breast Screening ☒Blocked Ducts and Mastitis ☒Benign Breast Lesions ☒Breast Abscess ☒Breast cancer - Management ☒Breast Cancer Follow-up ☒Breast Lumps and Skin Changes ☒Breast Pain (Mastalgia) ☒Nipple Discharge If you are a health professional in western Sydney and would like to access HealthPathways login with the below: Username: health Password: w3stern

Dying to Know Day

This year 'Dying to Know Day' was held on Wednesday 8th August to help grow the capacity of individuals and community groups to take action toward end of life planning.

Over the past 12 months, WSPHN has delivered two GP workshops on Palliative Care in collaboration with specialists from Western Sydney Local Health District. A common challenge noted during these workshops is how to have the difficult conversation with patients and their families. A useful resource for health professionals to have these conversations is available on the CareSearch website.

GP Association meetings

The following GP association meetings are coming up in western Sydney:

Blacktown: Walking into good health: Community initiative to promote smoking cessation, Wednesday 22nd August.

Westmead: GP Update: Fertility and IVF, Wednesday 22nd August.

Mount Druitt: GP Update: Principles of opioid prescribing - When to trial, when to cease, Friday 31st August.

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