

When there's hope, recovery begins

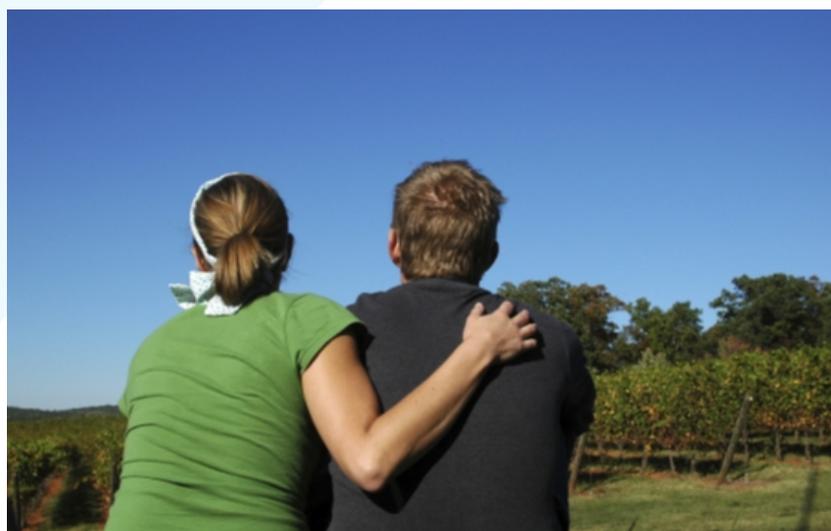
With a focus on working alongside partners, service providers and the community in a collaborative, coordinated and integrated way, Western Sydney Partners in Recovery (WSPiR) has engaged with 21,785 consumers since its implementation in 2013.

The main objective of WSPiR is to improve outcomes for people with severe and persistent mental illness who have complex needs. WSPiR's commitment to assist with the region's most vulnerable people affected by severe and persistent mental illness continues to grow with new referral accepted daily.

Since 2016 the WSPiR initiative began transitioning applicable consumers onto the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), also continuing to support those WSPiR clients considered ineligible for the NDIS.

Through systemic reform the program has made a valuable contribution to those who have experienced severe and complex mental health concerns and associated needs through recovery. The program is due to conclude 30 June 2019, however WentWest will continue to work with the western Sydney community in this important area.

If you have any patients that would benefit from WSPiR, visit our referral webpage or contact the WSPiR team on 8811 7650 or wspir@wentwest.com.au.



Events

My Health Record - All you need to know

Tuesday 28th August 2018

6:30pm - 9:30pm

Heart wellness seminar

Tuesday 11th September 2018

6:00pm - 8:30pm

Basic diabetes education for practice nurses

Tuesday 16th October 2018

8:00am - 4:00pm

Other News

NSW Health alert: invasive meningococcal disease

August and September are peak months for invasive meningococcal disease. NSW Health is offering Years 10 and 11 students the meningococcal ACWY vaccine (Men ACWY) via the school-based vaccination program. This will be offered to Year 10 students in next year. GPs should remain alert for meningococcal disease symptoms in all ages and can offer free Men ACWY to any 15-19-year old who has not been vaccinated via the school program, until 31st December. NSW Health has released a health alert with more information. Please distribute this alert to all members of your practice.

Privacy webinar

Dr Chris Mount of the Australian Digital Health Agency hosted a privacy webinar on Thursday 12th July and the slides are now available to [download](#) for your reference.

[We](#) strongly encourage anyone who was unable to attend to watch the webinar recording, which is available to access until Friday 24th August.

Last chance - Diabetes text message trial

The SupportMe program is a patient-centred text messaging service for people in western Sydney. It is designed to provide semi-personalised support in clinical and behavioural management to individuals with coronary heart disease and/or type 2 diabetes. Western Sydney residents are invited to participate in the free trial. For [more](#) information and to sign up, patients should visit the SupportMe website or call 8890 9818.

GP Association meetings

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

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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