

## WentWest Working with You in 2019

Following a very successful 2018, 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 opportunities to our community.

WentWest, the Western Sydney Primary Health Network 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. To understand our readers better, we'd appreciate any suggestions you may have in our short survey on how WentWest can communicate with you throughout 2019.

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](mailto:pir@wentwest.com.au). The Primary Care Update is a weekly publication focusing on primary health care news. Email [support@wentwest.com.au](mailto:support@wentwest.com.au) to subscribe.

If you missed our 2017-18 Annual Review visit our website to read it now.

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 the years to come.



## Events

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### My Health Record Legislation Overview for Health Care Providers

Tuesday 29th January 2019

5:00pm - 6:00pm

### My Health Record Legislation Overview for Practice Managers and Support Staff

Thursday 31st January 2019

1:00pm - 2:00pm

### Small Group Learning - My Health Record: Medical Director Training

Wednesday 13th February 2019

7:00pm - 9:00pm

### Mental Health Professional Network

Monday 18th February 2019

6:00pm - 8:30pm

## Other News

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### EOI: US Study Travel Award

WentWest is looking for three interested health professionals from western Sydney primary care practices to participate in a US primary care masterclass. All flights, internal travel within the US, accommodation, meal allowance and masterclass costs are included, or will be paid for.

If you are interested in this outstanding opportunity, please submit an expression of interest covering the appropriate questions to [brendan.peek@wentwest.com.au](mailto:brendan.peek@wentwest.com.au) no later than Friday 22nd February.

### Sexual Health Delivery in Western Sydney: GP Perspective

The University of Sydney is seeking western Sydney GPs to take part in a study that aims to identify the barriers faced in delivery of sexual health care in the region.

☐ If you would like to take part in this study or would like more information, contact Florence Wong at [fwon8091@uni.sydney.edu.au](mailto:fwon8091@uni.sydney.edu.au)

### Secure Messaging to Replace Fax Machines

The future of secure messaging across the Australian health sector was discussed at a workshop last year held by the Australian Digital Health Agency (ADHA) in Sydney.

One of the ADHA's key priorities is to help health care providers across Australia communicate quickly, easily and securely, and to reduce outdated technology.

The full media release is available on the ADHA website.

## GP Association Meeting

The following GP Association meeting is coming up in western Sydney:

Hills: Beat the Heat - Heat Wave Care of Patients, Wednesday 30th January.

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