

WA General Practice Network Transition Support Project Plan

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Promoting community health and wellbeing through the Western Australian
Divisions Network and Primary Health Care Teams

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<p>Ongoing Reactive Support</p>	<p>WA GP Network has set up a log of enquiries, requests and issues from CEOs of Divisions and where possible has provided the necessary support and solutions.</p> <p>A WA GP Network Transition Team consisting of the CEO, General Manager and Principal Policy Advisor/ Field Support Officer has been created to support the work of the Field Support Officer and meets fortnightly to discuss issues and areas of concern that need to be addressed.</p> <p>The Field Support Officer has been working through requests for support.</p> <p>Numerous "whole of network" resources have been created and sent to the network via various methods.</p> <p>Issues will continue to be logged and actioned depending on demand and capacity from WA GP Network.</p>
<p>Communications & Marketing including engagement with General Practice</p>	<p>WA GP Network is currently developing a media and communications plan that supports the primary health reform agenda in WA and promotes the role and function of Medicare Locals.</p> <p>The plan is being developed to arm the WA Divisions Network with the necessary tools to promote the transition to Medicare Locals.</p> <p>The plan aims to provide relevant resources and tools and will be contained within the back of the WA GP Network website. There will be a login provided to members of the Taskforce including CEO's and Chairs) to allow them to link in with the various resources and tools. There will of course be a link to the AGPN media and marketing strategy that has been developed at the Media and Communications Master class.</p> <p>Members will have access to press releases and materials available at a national level.</p> <p>Engage communications support to assist with regional issues.</p>
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<p>Liaison with Primary Care & Allied Health</p>	<p>WA GP Network will hold a series of Medicare Local Transition Advisory Group meetings so primary care and allied health and other groups can hear about primary care reform and the role of Medicare Locals.</p> <p>The Medicare Local Transition Advisory Group will guide the interaction between allied health, other NGOs and stakeholders on Medicare Locals and deal with issues of state importance including but not limited to issues related to service delivery, acute care avoidance, provision of services under Medicare and Medicare Locals.</p> <p>Newsletter articles, speaking engagements etc.</p>
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Liaison with NGOs and related stakeholders	<p>WA GP Network will hold a series of Medicare Local Transition Advisory Group meetings to which various NGO's and other stakeholders have been invited to be a part of.</p> <p>Establish a communications and collaboration plan to assist these stakeholders to engage with the process of Transition to Medicare Locals.</p> <p>Medicare Local Transition Advisory Group meetings to be run over the next eighteen months.</p> <p>Assistance with the creation of MoUs and operational plans with organisations as part of transition and WA GP Network leadership function.</p>
Liaison with Department of Health WA	<p>Continue to work with the Department of Health WA to ensure maximum awareness of the primary care change agenda and guarantee Local Health Networks (Area Health Services) are working as closely as possible with Medicare Locals.</p> <p>Establish regular meetings with Director General, Kim Snowball & other senior public servants in the Department of Health WA and other state government departments which impact health.</p> <p>Lobby for continued support and recognition of Medicare Locals.</p>
Liaison with WA Health Minister & WA Minister for Mental Health	<p>Continue to work with both WA Health Minister - Dr Kim Hames MLA, and Minister for Mental Health - Helen Morton MLC to promote primary health care and garner additional funding for Medicare Locals.</p> <p>Have regular meetings with both WA Health Minister - Dr Kim Hames MLA, and Minister for Mental Health - Helen Morton MLC and their staff.</p> <p>Principal Policy Advisor/ Field Support Officer to have regular meetings with the Minister's Principal Policy Advisors to keep them up to date of the progress on MLs and garner support where possible on agreed solutions.</p>
HR Change Support	<p>WA GP Network will investigate options to provide support for Divisions who are transitioning to Medicare Locals.</p> <p>Possible contribution to the delivery of a placements program- currently investigating costs and contract issues for state engagement.</p>

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<p>Information technology and information management support</p>	<p>Medicare Locals will require a detailed IT/IM plan that addresses the current eHealth needs.</p> <p>WA GP Network will provide assistance and guidance through the eHealth Program to enable adequate management and planning of IT architecture, migration and IM transfer.</p> <p>WA GP Network hold regular Network Meetings with program staff - the Field Support Officer will attend these meetings to assist with the Transition and will be supported by the ehealth program to deliver on the key IMIT Reforms.</p>
<p>Contract Due Diligence</p>	<p>WA GP Network will liaise with and if appropriate, provide support to Divisions in ensuring existing contracts are met and acquitted appropriately.</p> <p>WA GP Network will also provide assistance in transitioning to new contracts through providing / sourcing relevant training to Medicare Local staff responsible for contract management.</p>
<p>Executive Coaching</p>	<p>WA GP Network will provide support to assist current CEOs and senior managers access training that assists them in developing their own skills and talents, as well as those of their teams.</p>

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<p>General Practice engagement</p>	<p>Continue to provide information to general practice in WA via Divisions and Medicare Locals about the change agenda and what it means for general practitioners and their teams.</p>
<p>Clinical Governance</p>	<p>Input into national framework.</p> <p>WA GP Network will conduct Clinical Governance Workshops aimed at supporting the WA Divisions Network in being ready to set up and implement local governance frameworks.</p>

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