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# EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

# CESPHN GP+ Program

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# 1. Overview

Central and Eastern Sydney Primary Health Network (CESPHN) welcomes small and solo general practices in the CESPHN region to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) to participate in the GP+ program.

GP+ offers an innovative approach to multidisciplinary team-based care in the primary care setting. The program is funded by the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing and aims to support smaller general practices connect with local allied health clinicians, improve health outcomes and enhance patient experiences. The program targets patients with chronic diseases and supports vulnerable populations who are unable to afford private allied health services.

CESPHN will deliver the GP+ Program through the commissioning of a social work service which will be available to participating practices. Social workers will support patients with chronic diseases to access psychosocial support and navigate health and social systems when required (e.g. MyMedicare, Centrelink, My Aged Care). These services will be available to eligible patients at no cost.

The GP+ social work service will primarily operate as a telehealth model. If a patient is not suitable for telehealth, (e.g. safety concerns, lack of access to technology, interpreter required) a face-to-face consultation will be arranged by the social worker. Face-to-face consultations may occur at their GP practice if a consulting room is available, or at a community venue.

Practices will work collaboratively with the social work provider to identify patients for referral to the program, actively promote the program, attend six monthly meetings with the social work team and facilitate onsite consultations (if available) when required.

Potential benefits for participating practices include improved access to allied health support for patients, assistance for patients to address psychosocial concerns and navigate support systems, and opportunities to participate in multidisciplinary team-based care.

Financial support to the value of $2000 (excluding GST) will be provided to general practices to participate in the program. An initial payment of $1000 will be paid upon execution of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), followed by two instalments of $500 until completion of the program in June 2028.

# 2. Information about Central and Eastern Sydney PHN

### What are primary health networks?

Primary health networks (PHNs) have been established with the key objectives of increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of medical services for individuals, particularly those at risk of poor health outcomes. They also aim to improve coordination of care to ensure people receive the right care in the right place at the right time. PHNs are not for profit, regionally based organisations which aim to strengthen primary care by redirecting frontline health services to improve health outcomes of the community.

### Our vision

Our vision is to achieve healthy and thriving communities and we do this by enabling high quality accessible health care. Our goals are to address community health and wellbeing needs, facilitate connected and quality care and partner to address regional challenges.

### Our region, our community

The Central and Eastern Sydney catchment spans 587 square kilometres. Our region stretches from Strathfield to Sutherland, as far east as Bondi, and includes Lord Howe Island. We are the second

largest of the 31 primary health networks across Australia by population, with over 1.5 million individuals residing in our region.

Our catchment population is characterised by cultural diversity, with an estimated 16,225 (1.05 per cent of total population) identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and forty percent of our community born outside Australia, and high population growth. Our boundaries align with those of South Eastern Sydney Local Health District and Sydney Local Health District. Refer to this template list of postcodes within the CESPHN catchment area.

For more information about our region visit the 'About CESPHN' page on our website at https://www.cesphn.org.au/

## 3. Eligibility criteria for general practices

To be eligible to participate in the GP+ Program, the general practice must be a solo or smaller practice (2-5 FTE equivalent GPs) located within the CESPHN region.

The eligibility criteria for GP+ are as follows:

- Be located within the CESPHN region
- Be a solo or smaller (2-5 FTE equivalent GPs) general practice
- Have capacity to meet reporting requirements
- Willingness to collaborate with social work provider prior to commencement of the service to determine scope of practice and establish systems required for successful implementation of the program
- Attend meetings with the social work provider to support ongoing collaboration with the practice every 6 months
- Have capacity to establish and implement methods of communication, referral pathways and workflow plans
- Use the specified format provided by CESPHN to make comprehensive referrals to the social worker
- Have capacity to meet the program objectives and outcomes through the referral of eligible patients to the social worker
- Nominate lead GP (GP champion) at general practice prior to commencement of service to guide the practice in program participation
- Attend an initial meeting hosted by CESPHN and the social work provider to discuss practice policies, processes and procedures
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## 4. Reporting requirements

The general practice will be required to submit reports to CESPHN and have appropriate procedures and processes in place to meet reporting obligations. This includes reporting against agreed milestones and outcomes.

Reporting requirements are clearly defined in the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and include specifying the date of 6 monthly meeting with social work team and reporting on barriers, enablers, risks and benefits of participating in the GP+ Program.

## 5. Contract Term

Participating practices will enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with CESPHN. The term of the contract is from November 2026 to 30 June 2028.

Attached to this EOI is a Memorandum of Agreement which will form a legally binding agreement on signing by the parties. The general practice must retain all insurances outlined in the agreement.

## 6. Funding

A total sum of $2000 (excluding GST) will be provided as financial support for participating in the program and completing reporting requirements.

An initial payment of $1000 will be paid upon execution of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), followed by two instalments of $500 until June 2028 to participate in the GP+ program.

## 7. Submitting your application

Please read this EOI guidance and the memorandum of agreement prior to applying to participate in the GP+ Program. Applications can be submitted through the CESPHN online application form which can be accessed here.

Application will close **3 November 2026.**

## 8. Contact us

All questions related to this EOI are to be directed to alliedhealth@cesphn.com.au.