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## WAPHA welcomes new Federal Health Minister

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WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) looks forward to working with new Health Minister Greg Hunt and progressing the Turnbull Government's reform agenda in the health portfolio.

WAPHA chief executive officer Learne Durrington said the new year and the new minister provided an opportunity to build on the foundations laid by former minister Sussan Ley.

Ms Durrington said WAPHA was committed to working with Mr Hunt to continue the Government's reform agenda that focuses strongly on primary care, with the Health Care Home (HCH) as the signature policy as part of the Healthier Medicare package announced last year.

"We recognise that general practice is the cornerstone of primary health care," Ms Durrington said.

"In 2017, we will continue to engage and listen to GPs which will enable WAPHA to add value in supporting quality primary healthcare services for the WA community."

WAPHA also welcomes Ken Wyatt as the Minister for Aged Care and Minister for Indigenous Health.

"Indigenous Health and Aged Care are areas of focus for WAPHA and its Primary Health Networks and we look forward to working with the new Minister to deliver positive outcomes for Western Australians in these priority areas," Ms Durrington said.

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