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WAPHA welcomes new WA Minister for Health

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WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) welcomes the announcement of Roger Cook as the new Minister for Health and Minister for Mental Health in the McGowan Government.

WAPHA Chief Executive Officer Leanne Durrington said having Mr Cook serve in the dual portfolios allowed for greater opportunities for collaboration across the health system.

Ms Durrington said WAPHA has had positive discussions with Mr Cook in his capacity as Shadow Minister for Health and was excited to build on this in his roles as Minister for Health and Minister for Mental Health.

"WAPHA looks forward to working with the newly elected McGowan Government to improve the delivery of primary healthcare across Western Australia," Ms Durrington said.

"At a time when the WA health system is facing unprecedented challenges including the burdens of chronic disease, population growth and an ageing society, it is vital that the State Government, Primary Health Networks (PHNs) and our general practice and health professional stakeholders continue to work together to achieve better health and better care for our community."

Ms Durrington said WAPHA looked forward to working with the McGowan Government, whose campaign commitment was to 'put patients first'.

"WA Labor's policy intends to contribute to a new vision of patient centred care," Ms Durrington said.

"This is closely aligned to WAPHA's purpose to facilitate changes to the health system that will improve health outcomes and deliver better value to our community."

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