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Innovation grants to facilitate collaboration in primary health care

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WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) has funded four projects in the Perth metropolitan region to promote and facilitate innovation in the delivery of primary and social care.

The four projects received funding through WAPHA's Innovation and Evidence grant program, which allows the development and testing of new programs.

WAPHA general manager Bernadette Kenny said the grants also helped with collaboration between service providers to establish place-based systems of care.

"Our focus is on improving capability and capacity in primary care in places where access is limited and health status is low," Ms Kenny said.

"This grant funding aligns with our primary objective of improving health outcomes and patient experiences through the commissioning of appropriate services where they are most needed."

The following initiatives have been funded through the Innovation and Evidence grant program;

- East Metropolitan Health Service - improve the management of care for people living with Congestive Cardiac Failure (CCF), Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes in the Armadale area
- Mental Illness Fellowship WA - Peer2Peer program to support general practice to manage the care of patients with mental illness and complex health issues
- GP down south - build on and advance the existing primary health care models for young people with complex and chronic conditions by involving a GP-supported model for mental health, social and physical care to address the unique needs of 12-25 year olds
- Curtin University and Cockburn Integrated Health - establishing a Nurse Led Clinic located at Cockburn Integrated Health, with the focus to improve the physical health outcomes of people with mental illness who live within the Cockburn geographical area



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The grant funding for each project is for 12 months. For more information about WA Primary Health Alliance visit www.wapha.org.au.

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About WAPHA

WAPHA oversees the strategic commissioning functions of the Perth North, Perth South and Country WA Primary Health Networks (PHNs). The WA PHNs are three of 31 PHNs established by the Australian Government nationally to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of medical services for the community. We work across the WA healthcare system with doctors, allied health professionals, Area Health Services and service providers to improve the coordination of care for people who are at risk of poor health outcomes. Visit www.wapha.org.au for more information.

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