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Volunteers raise awareness of My Health Record

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Busselton Health Campus is the first hospital in WA to have volunteers champion the benefits of the My Health Record system with visitors, hospital staff and patients.

This is part of a state-wide awareness raising initiative in advance of moving from the current opt-in to an opt-out method of registration in 2018.

WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) is working closely with the Australian Digital Health Agency to promote the benefits of the My Health Record and encourage healthcare providers and individuals to register.

WAPHA regional manager Dianne Ritson said it is vital to get the word out to the community about this health information initiative that will improve health care and could literally save lives.

Ms Ritson said, "The support of Busselton Health Campus staff and volunteers is extremely helpful and it's great to be working so closely with them on this exciting project."

WA Country Health Service My Health Record project officer Lyn Mueller said the secure online health summary allows individuals to easily access and share health information such as allergies and medication with healthcare facilities and GPs.

Ms Mueller said, "The system's biggest advantage is that it works towards removing fragmentation of health information."

Busselton Health Campus is one of more than 100 hospitals in WA able to access and upload to a patient's My Health Record. Over 31,000 discharge summaries have been uploaded to the My Health Record system from WA hospitals since May 2016.

About 84 per cent of WA general practices are registered and 16 per cent of consumers have a record.



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About My Health Record

My Health Record is an Australian government initiative operated by the Australian Digital Health Agency to enable sharing of clinical information with registered health providers across Australia. It is one of the few national scale platforms of its type in the world.

Benefits of the system include:

- Better access: information is stored in one place online making it easily accessible for individuals and health professionals.
- Improved safety: in a medical emergency, healthcare professionals can view health information and provide the best possible care quickly. This may include information on allergies, adverse reactions and medical conditions.
- More convenient: people don't have to worry about remembering details such as medications, chronic conditions and tests.
- Strong security and privacy: strict rules and regulations control who can see or use a My Health Record.

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