

headspace Cannington due to open later this year

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- **Arche Health has been awarded the contract to establish and operate the centre.**

headspace Cannington is one step closer to opening its doors later this year after Arche Health was awarded the contract to establish and operate the centre.

WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA), the operator of the Perth South Primary Health Network, awarded the contract to Arche Health, who have strong local networks throughout the south metropolitan area and also operate headspace Armadale.

Arche Health have begun working closely with local service providers and the community to ensure headspace Cannington complements existing services and the strong local investment in the health and wellbeing of young people in the Cannington and broader south east metropolitan area.

Young people aged 12 to 25 can contact headspace Cannington directly or be referred by their GP or mental health professional.

The service will support local young people with their mental health, physical health, alcohol and other drugs issues, and work and study.

This activity has been made possible through funding provided by the Australian Government under the PHN Program.

Comments attributed to Arche Health CEO, Sujeewe Gamagedera:

“We are excited for the opportunity to establish headspace Cannington. There has never been a more opportune time to introduce youth focused mental health support to the south eastern region. COVID-19 with its associated restrictions, as well as the devastating effects of nation-wide natural disasters, have had an enormous impact on our youth.

“Arche Health is currently garnering interest from local young people in joining the headspace Cannington Youth Reference Group. Once services commence, a family and friends group will be established to further support the young people accessing the centre.

“We have identified potential sites for the new centre and the suitability of one has been reinforced through positive feedback received in a recent survey sent out to young people in the area.”

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Comments attributed to WAPHA General Manager Commissioned Services, Mark Cockayne:

“We are seeing more pressures on young people than ever before, especially with COVID-19, and services like headspace offer them a safe, inclusive and welcoming place to go when they need support.

“We are invested in young people getting the right support at the right time, with early intervention and easy access to services being key.

“headspace Cannington will build on and complement the existing youth support services available in the area, great news for the local community.”

Comments attributed to Federal Member for Swan, Hon Steve Irons:

“I welcome the appointment of the lead agency Arche Health, and am looking forward to seeing the highly regarded headspace service deliver much needed support for young people in Cannington.”

Comments attributed to headspace CEO, Jason Trethowan:

“We know with the right support we can help young people get through tough times and get back on track, and it’s great that headspace, a service trusted by young people, will soon be able to provide this support to the community of Cannington and surrounding areas.”

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