

A CHIC Partnership for the Townsville District

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Townsville General Practice Network > Delivering local health solutions through general practice

Current situation

- TGPN agreed to provide support for the establishment phase of the partnership.
- CHIC project funding for 12 months to enhance the Integrated Healthcare Partnership program (IHCP)
- IHCP currently provides reports to GP liaison group which meets monthly (QH-TGPN)



Future aims

- Local Partnership to be established by August 2008
- 3 more years of CHIC funding available
- Access to other funding for chronic disease to complement CHIC initiatives
- Sustainable programs for chronic disease prevention and management



Expected outcomes

- Better access to primary health care services
- Better communication and continuity of care
- Better integration of services
- Better utilisation of resources
- Reductions in admissions and presentations



Guidelines for membership

- QH primary care and community staff
- Divisions of GP
- GPs and allied health
- Community controlled Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health services
- Non-Government service providers
- Community representation



Local Partnership guidelines

- Range and level of partners' involvement to be voluntary and determined by consensus
- Honorary chairperson to be elected by the group
- Governance model is flexible – to be determined by the group



Partnership agreements

- Underpinning principles
- Role and responsibilities
- Shared goals
- Priorities and outcomes
- Communication and accountability



Expression of Interest

- Forms circulated today
- Nominate self or another
- Experience and interests to be outlined
- Due by 18th July (ASAP)
- Will aim for breadth of representation and experience
- 12-15 members ideal
- First meeting Monday 4th August



Panel discussion

- Priorities for the Townsville District
- Representation on partnership group
- Opportunities for additional funding
- Involvement across region

