

Health Fact Sheet

Division: Metropolitan Health & Aged Care Services

Issue: Primary Care Services - Hospital Demand Management Strategy 2002-03

The Hospital Admission Risk Program (HARP) funding round has emphasised the role of primary care services in preventing the use of hospitals by treating and maintaining people in the community. Seventy nine percent of the funded projects involve funds being channelled to primary care services through additional staffing, payments to collaborating agencies and brokerage funds. Six projects with a total value of **\$1,527,205** have been approved where primary care agencies will be the lead organisation for the proposal. The proposals are:

Melbourne Division of General Practitioners	\$623,701
Plenty Valley Community Health Service	\$259,581
Dianella Community Health Service	\$289,250
Northern Division of General Practitioners	\$163,393
Djerriwarrh Health Services	\$104,315
Royal District Nursing Service	\$86,965

Melbourne Division of General Practitioners – Diabetes Clinical Co-management in General Practice / the Community

This program will develop a close and ongoing working relationship between people with diabetes and their GP's by using Diabetes Nurse Educators. The service will provide 24 hour, 7 days per week access to advice and support for people with diabetes. There will be close liaison with Royal Melbourne and Western Hospitals.

Total funding \$623,701; one-off \$12,835, recurrent \$610,866.

Plenty Valley Community Health Service – Suicide & Self Harm Prevention

Funding will be used to develop a Suicide and Self Harm Prevention Strategy that will improve the mental and physical health, psychological well-being and quality of life of youth and young adults living in the area served by the Northern Hospital.

Total funding \$259,581: one-off \$13,830, recurrent \$245,751.

Dianella Community Health Service – Best Practice Model for Asthma Care

Dianella Community Health Service will, in collaboration with Moonee Valley Melbourne Primary Care Partnership and the Melbourne Division of GPs, develop a comprehensive community approach to asthma management for children and families presenting at the Royal Children's Hospital.

Total funding \$289,250: one-off \$44,500, recurrent \$244,750.

Northern Division of General Practitioners – Asthma Best Practice Model

This initiative will implement an evidence-based asthma model to promote use of written asthma action plans and self-management of asthma, in collaboration with GPs, nurse educators and patients. The service will impact on people likely to use the Northern Hospital.

Total funding \$141,103: one-off \$23,000, recurrent \$140,393.

Royal District Nursing Service – Reducing Medication Related Emergency Presentations

This program will target elderly patients at risk and establish mechanisms through the Domiciliary Medication Management Review program to better manage their medications. This will involve implementing better communication processes between the hospital, GPs and community pharmacists. This is a pilot project that will focus on patients using the Frankston Hospital.

Total funding \$86,965: one-off \$11,000, recurrent \$75,965.

Djerriwarrh Health Services - A Chronic Disease Approach to COPD, Asthma & Cardio Vascular Disease in the Outer West

This program has been designed to prevent admissions and readmissions to Western Health and Ballarat Health Services by introducing chronic disease self-management programs in Melbourne's outer western growth corridor.

Total funding \$104,315: one-off \$10,000, recurrent \$94,315.