

Northern Queensland Primary Health Network

Activity Work Plan

PHN Pilots and Targeted Programs

2019/20 – 2023/24



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Disclaimer

All activities captured in this Activity Work Plan are identified in the Health Needs Assessment conducted by Northern Queensland Primary Health Network and have been approved by the Department of Health and Aged Care.



PP&TP-GP-1 – PHN Strengthening Medicare – General Practice Grants Program

Activity priorities and description

Program key priority area

Workforce.

Aim of activity


The activity aims to establish, administer, and manage the Strengthening Medicare – General Practice (GP) Grants Program (the GP Grants Program), within the program guidelines, for all eligible general practices in the Northern Queensland Primary Health Network (NQPHN) region.

The GP Grants Program will provide one-off grants between \$25,000.00 and \$50,000.00, based on practice size as assessed by the Department of Health and Aged Care (DoHAC), to support general practices to expand patient access, and provide better, safe, and accessible quality primary care.

NQPHN will support and participate, as directed by the DoHAC, in the evaluation of the Strengthening Medicare – GP Grants Program.

Description of activity

- Administer and manage the Strengthening Medicare – GP Grants Program.
- Manage the execution of Deed of Grants, monitor grant implementation, submission of outcome reports and financial acquittals for each participating general practice.
- As identified by the DoHAC, all general practices are invited to participate in the Strengthening Medicare – GP Grants Program.



PP&TP-EPP-1 – PHN Endometriosis and Pelvic Pain GP Clinics

Activity priorities and description

Program key priority area

Population Health.


Aim of activity

This activity will provide funding to support the establishment of targeted Endometriosis and Pelvic Pain General Practice Clinics (GP clinics) in primary care settings.

Funding will be provided to administer and manage the Program on behalf of the Department of Health and Aged Care (DoHAC), in line with the objectives of the Program, including entering into agreements with successful GP clinics.

Description of activity

- Recruit specialised staff, including nurse practitioner/nurse navigator and allied health professionals.
- Provide pelvic physiotherapy areas and associated equipment.
- Develop new information/support resources and care pathways.
- Train/upskill staff and other general practitioners in endometriosis and pelvic pain management.



PP&TP-GCPC-1 – Greater Choice for At Home Palliative Care (GCfAHPC) Project

Activity priorities and description

Program key priority area

Population Health.

Aim of activity

The activity aims to increase awareness of, facilitate and coordinate access to safe and quality palliative and end-of-life care at home across the Northern Queensland Primary Health Network (NQPHN) region, with specific objectives listed below.

- Improve awareness and access to safe, quality palliative care at home and support end-of-life care systems and practices in the community.
- Enable the right care, in the right place, and at the right time to reduce unnecessary hospitalisation.
- Generate and use data to support the continuous improvement of services across sectors.
- Use available technologies to support flexible and responsive palliative care at home, including after-hours supports.

Description of activity

- Undertake a mapping exercise of existing palliative care services and networks across the NQPHN region.
- Maintain an up-to-date needs assessment highlighting gaps, target cohorts, and priority activities to facilitate and coordinate improved access to and integration of palliative care services at home.
- Establish governance groups for the project, including interagency steering committees.
- Develop an action plan to increase awareness of, facilitate and coordinate access to safe and quality palliative and end-of-life care at home across the NQPHN region throughout 2022-25.

