

Expressions of interest

NQPHN Clinical Council

Call for expressions of interest

The Northern Queensland Primary Health Network (NQPHN) Clinical Council provides the NQPHN Clinical Governance sub-committee of the Board with contemporary advice on local health needs and priorities ensuring that there is an appropriate evidence base to regional commissioning, specifically, planning and design of services, stakeholder engagement, and continuing development and refinement of the Health Needs Assessment (HNA).

The Clinical Council provides a critical overview of the NQPHN regions to ensure that overall investment is in line with the regional HNA.

The Council acts in an advisory capacity to the NQPHN Clinical Governance Committee, which has the delegated responsibility of the NQPHN Board.

The NQPHN Board is currently seeking expressions of interest from clinicians located in the Cape and Torres, Cairns, Townsville, and Mackay regions to participate in the NQPHN Clinical Council, including:

- general practitioners (must be registered with AHPRA, currently in clinical practice)
- allied health professionals (must be registered with AHPRA, currently in clinical practice)
- mental health and or alcohol and other drugs (AOD) clinicians
- pharmacists (must be registered with Pharmacy Board / AHPRA, currently in clinical practice)
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island representatives (must be registered with AHPRA and actively practicing)
- community and/or practice nurses (must be registered with AHPRA and actively practicing)
- other representatives that align to NQPHN priority areas and/or local needs including, but not limited to:
 - child and maternal primary care practitioners / providers
 - health promotion practitioners
 - public health practitioners.

The purpose of the Clinical Council is to ensure that practical recommendations and advice from a clinical perspective are included as part of NQPHN's review of investment decisions and outcomes are progressed in accordance with the strategic intent of NQPHN.

The Council will meet three times per year for up to three hours. Meetings will alternate between Cairns, Townsville, and Mackay, with videoconference access available to members located offsite at each meeting. Members of the NQPHN Clinical Council are eligible for remuneration for attending meetings.



NQPHN acknowledges the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as Australia's First Nation Peoples and the Traditional Custodians of this land. We respect their continued connection to land and sea, country, kin, and community. We also pay our respect to their Elders past, present, and emerging as the custodians of knowledge and lore.





Selection criteria

- The ability to make recommendations on clinical governance matters.
- Must be registered with AHPRA, currently in clinical practice, and preferably a practice owner.
- The ability to assess complex primary care issues and suggest appropriate strategies.
- The ability to promote a culture that implements best practice based on evidence.
- The ability to consider the diverse needs of the North Queensland community.
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience working in primary care in North Queensland.

To apply

- Please submit a cover letter (a maximum of two pages) outlining your professional experience and detailing the contribution you believe you can make to the Clinical Council based on the above selection criteria.
- Email your application, marked NQPHN Clinical Council EOI Confidential, to meehan.weston@nqphn.com.au

Questions regarding the process should be addressed to NQPHN Health System Integration and Innovation Executive Director Karin Barron at karin.barron@nqphn.com.au

Application and appointment process

Applicants need to be available to attend the next Clinical Council meeting online on Thursday 21 March 2024, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

All applications received by the deadline will be reviewed and a short list developed. The final candidates will be presented to the NQPHN Board of Directors for final approval. Unsuccessful candidates will be advised in writing by email.

Applications close at 4pm, Friday 16 February 2024.