

Candidate Information Regarding Dr Kingsley PEARSON

I've been a GP for 26 years in rural practice both regional and remote, with 6 of these years involved in medical education as a GP supervisor. I have had a strong involvement with the divisional movement since its inception. I was involved in the establishment phase of the Northern Rivers Division of General Practice over its first three years, and have been a director on the board of the NRDGP for the last 3 years. I have had a close involvement with most of the divisional projects and more recently with the National Primary Care Collaborative Programme, presenting on access issues/practice nurses and the evolution of the practice team.

I believe divisions will have an increasingly important role to play in the face of our workforce crisis, not only in assisting the continuance of quality general practice, but just as importantly in identifying areas of community need and developing programmes to respond to this. We have a strong social responsibility at divisions as we are ideally situated to be aware of the health needs of our communities. In the face of our evolving workforce, these will be areas where there will not be the GP workforce to cope with or respond to these needs. I believe a core role of divisions should be to identify these areas of community need and to develop programmes and provide services to respond as required.

At a practice level, I believe strongly in the evolution of multi-disciplinary teams to respond to the increasing burden of chronic disease. Divisions have a role to facilitate the interface between GP's and Allied Services, and to assist the continual evolution of practice nurses as an essential part of the clinical team.