

ADGP/SBO Coalition Communiqué

National Primary Health Care Collaboratives Teleconference

An ADGP/SBO teleconference was held today to further discuss the issues related to the National Primary Care Collaboratives (NPCC) listed in the Issues Paper circulated to all SBOs and ADGP 27 September 2004.

Representatives from each State and Territory and ADGP were represented at this teleconference. In addition, Professor James Dunbar from the NPCC was invited to join the teleconference once a consensus and solution-based approach had been agreed by all present.

The ADGP/SBO Coalition acknowledged widespread Divisional support for the collaboratives initiative, and agreed that the Network enter into discussions with Prof. James Dunbar in order to work to resolve issues and progress a combined approach between the NPCC and the Divisions network that met both parties' needs.

The key outcomes resulting from the teleconference are as follows:

1. A Network wide response to the Department of Health and Ageing is to be formulated
2. That meanwhile, operational details are being negotiated with the NPCC around recruitment of staff and
 - a. secondary use of data resulting from collaborative involvement
3. An extension to the application timeframes will be sought to allow:
 - a. Divisions and SBOs time to work up the business cases for those involved
 - b. Divisions to consult practices and gauge interest and commitment
 - c. Time to re-negotiate the funding requirements for the Network with the Department of Health and Ageing
4. ADGP/SBO Coalition members will work to develop Business Cases for:
 - a. Divisional funding – NPCC will produce generic position description to inform Divisions regarding the costs associated with the subsequent recruitment of this position, and for related travel and other costs
 - b. Practice funding – need for a more substantial case for practices to see a viable reason for being involved
 - c. Rural and remote issues – recognition of the additional travel costs associated
5. ADGP/SBO Coalition will work with the NPCC to address these issues with the Department of Health and Ageing
6. ADGP/SBO Coalition and NPCC to seek a joint meeting with Phillip Davies from the Department of Health and Ageing after the 18th October to seek a resolution to the issues raised above.

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