

FOREWORD

The GP Clinical Council (GPCC) advises the Wentworth Healthcare Limited (WHL) Board on recommended strategies to improve the health and wellbeing of the people in the Nepean and Blue Mountains (NBM) region. The goals of the committee are to:

- facilitate the provision of high-quality, accessible, and integrated primary healthcare.
- provide regular reports to the WHL Board, containing advice and strategy to address region-wide issues facing GPs while also considering the unique needs and concerns of each local community within the NBM region.

MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

Name	Area	Meetings Attended
Dr Michael Crampton (Chair)	GP Clinical Lead	9
Dr Babak Adeli	Lithgow LGA	3
Dr Hilton Brown	Lithgow LGA	9
Dr Anju Aggarwal	Penrith LGA	8
Dr Thu Dang	Penrith LGA	9
Dr Hany Gayed	Penrith LGA	9
Dr David Foley	Hawkesbury LGA	9
Dr Katy Gardiner	Blue Mountains	5
Dr Linda McQueen	Blue Mountains LGA	6
Dr Sue Owen	Blue Mountains LGA	6

KEY MATTERS CONSIDERED 2023

The GPCC met 9 times during the 2023 Financial Year. Key items of discussion and consultation with the GPCC were:

- Living with COVID-19
- Strengthening Medicare Taskforce and Outcomes
- Urgent Care Clinic
- NBMLHD Drug and Alcohol GP Advice Line
- Initial Assessment and Referral (IAR) Decision Support Tool
- Active Clinical Handover (Collaborative Commissioning)
- Chronic Disease Management Model of Care (Collaborative Commissioning)
- Head to Health Hawkesbury
- HealthPathways
- Telepsychiatry service
- Access to psychiatry services
- Suicide prevention and aftercare services
- Australia's Primary Health Care 10-Year Plan 2022-2032
- Enhancing drug and alcohol services

CONTINUING AREAS OF FOCUS IN 2024

In 2024, we look forward to working with the GPCC in a range of areas, including:

- Strengthening Medicare Outcomes
- Workforce
- HealthPathways
- Wentworth Healthcare Strategic Planning

CHAIR'S QUALITATIVE ASSESSMENT

Challenges, Highlights, and Outcomes

- The purpose of GPCC is to provide the Board and the Executive with feedback and opinions from local practicing GPs.
- The breadth of content that is covered and the value added to the Primary Health Network's programs is due to the dedication of the GPs involved in this Council.
- Our discussions benefit from the inclusion of Jillian Harrington (Chair AHCC), who explains the allied health point of view.
- Good attendance and participation continue by utilising online meetings.
- Nothing happens without our amazing staff – a huge THANK YOU.
- Grateful for the support of Wentworth Healthcare staff