

INFORMATION SHEET



About Central and Eastern Sydney PHN

What are primary health networks?

Primary health networks (PHNs) support primary care in Australia through practice improvement, local health system integration and the commissioning of health services in the community that address identified gaps and local priorities. Central and Eastern Sydney PHN is one of 31 PHNs across the country.

What is primary health care?

Primary health care is the frontline of Australia's healthcare system, with general practice at its core. Primary health care services are based in the community, are broad-ranging and include health promotion, prevention and screening, early intervention and treatment.

Our vision

Our vision is better health and wellbeing of the people who live and work across our region. We are committed to investing in strategies that will contribute to individual and population health outcomes including fewer preventable deaths and hospitalisations, reduced health risks and health inequities and more prevention behaviours.

Our purpose

The core purpose of Central and Eastern Sydney PHN is to improve and transform care by:

- Improving the experience of consumers and carers through better integration, coordination and by encouraging a person-led approach.
- Improving the provider experience with consideration of clinician and staff satisfaction, flexibility and scope for innovation, and building a strong quality improvement culture.
- Improving value for money with consideration of cost-efficiency and sustainability.

Our region

The Central and Eastern Sydney PHN region stretches from Strathfield to Sutherland, east to the coastline, and also includes Lord Howe Island and Norfolk Island. The boundaries of Central and Eastern Sydney PHN align with those of South Eastern Sydney Local Health District and Sydney Local Health District. Our catchment spans 626 square kilometres, with over 1.6 million individuals residing in the region.

Our population is characterised by cultural diversity. Over 13,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people live in our region, with the largest numbers residing in the Sydney Inner City statistical local area (which includes Redfern) and Eastern Suburbs South statistical local area (which includes La Perouse). Forty per cent of residents were born overseas, 38% speak a language other than English at home and 6.9% do not speak English well or at all.

Accountability

Our Board of Directors is supported by finance, audit and risk, governance and nominations committees. The Community Council and Clinical Council provide strategic advice to the board, as do our range of advisory groups.

We have seven member networks including five general practice companies, one allied health network and a community network. They are listed below:

- Central and Eastern Sydney Allied Health Network
- Central Sydney GP Network
- General Practice Eastern Sydney
- GP Crew
- St George Division of General Practice
- Sutherland Division of General Practice
- Sydney Health Community Network.