



Announcement

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Announcing collaborative efforts as the Victorian and Tasmanian Primary Health Network Alliance

Primary health care coordination and reform has been boosted across Victoria and Tasmania, with Primary Health Tasmania formally partnering as an alliance.

The collective will be known as the Victoria Tasmania Primary Health Network Alliance and will build on the work the Alliance has undertaken since 2015 to improve health outcomes, patient and practitioner experience, and health system efficiency.

Dr Leanne Beagley, Chair of the Alliance and Chief Executive Officer of Western Victoria PHN said the new Alliance will enable the seven PHNs to collectively achieve the best possible outcomes for their local communities, while also providing a coordinated response to region-wide issues.

“Primary Health Networks focus on localised responses to community needs. The Alliance provides a means to collectively learn, proactively address issues and leverage opportunities consistent with our shared agenda for right care, right place, right time.”

Phil Edmondson, CEO of Tasmania PHN (Primary Health Tasmania), highlighted that the arrangements consolidated a longstanding track record of partnership.

“Primary Health Tasmania has worked with the Victorian partners over many years, and the formalising of collaborative efforts as an alliance is a significant milestone in our future efforts. The benefits of a shared approach will be realised by consumers, practitioner networks, and service systems.”

The Alliance also welcomes Maria Yap as Senior Lead, Mental Health Integration and Catherine Radkowski as Senior Lead, Engagement and Integration. Maria and Catherine will be based at the Eastern Melbourne Primary Health Network and North Western Melbourne Primary Health Network respectively, and will work in partnership with the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services.

For more information about the Alliance visit vtphna.org.au or contact Jade.Hart@vtphna.org.au.