

Prescription Opiate Treatment Program: Steering Committee

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Role:

To reduce the prevalence of prescription opioid dependence in the Northern NSW community using both community and hospital based approaches

Terms of Reference:

1. Provide insight, observations and ideas for supporting hospital based clinicians and specialists to implement effective pre- and post-operative non-cancer pain management treatment protocols and procedures including facilitated handover of patients to GPs at discharge
2. Provide advice and identify opportunities to facilitate education, mentoring and support for GPs, pharmacists and allied health providers in managing patients at risk of prescription opiate dependence due to non-cancer chronic pain.
3. Advise on methods to improve community engagement in reducing utilisation of prescription opiates.

Membership:

1. General Practitioner representative – **TBA**
2. General Practitioner representative – **TBA**
3. Community pharmacist and/or a psychologist - **TBA**
4. Manager, Mental Health and AOD, NCPHN
5. Director of Pharmacy – **TBA** from TTH/LBH/GBH
6. Physician – **TBA** LBH/TTH/GBH
7. Deputy Director – Emergency Department (Tweed Hospital)
8. Nurse Practitioner – Pain Clinic (LBH)
9. Specialist – Pain Clinic (LBH)
10. Director – Clinical Operations (NNSWLHD)
11. Director - Integration (NCPHN)
12. Manager – Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol (NCPHN)
13. HealthPathways Coordinator, NNSW LHD

Reports to: Director Clinical Operations NNSW LHD and Director - Integration NCPHN

Quorum: greater than 50%

Frequency of Meetings: Monthly for the first three meetings and bi-Monthly until 30 June 2020

Forum: 106-108 Tamar Street, Ballina and Teleconference

Secretariat: EA to DCO NNSWLHD

Co-Chairpersons: Director of Clinical Operations, NNSWLHD

Distribution of Minutes: TBA

Remuneration: Remuneration for meeting attendance will be provided by NCPHN to GPs and private allied health professionals as per NCPHN's Stakeholder Engagement Remuneration Policy for a maximum of six meetings per year, unless otherwise negotiated