



New training opportunity: better recognise and respond to domestic violence

GP EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NOW OPEN

Women experience domestic violence at the same rate that they experience asthma and diabetes. Each week, approximately five women who are experiencing violence perpetrated by an intimate partner present to their GP with a variety of issues and symptoms. Patients experiencing domestic and family violence first tell a doctor or a nurse about the abuse before other professionals. Many patients will not display any obvious physical indicators of the abuse but the harm can be severe and long lasting.

Training to recognise and respond to domestic violence can equip GPs to both initiate conversations about domestic violence, and to respond with competence and confidence to disclosures. Expressions of Interest are sought from GPs to participate in a six month pilot project. As part of the project GPs will:

- receive training in domestic violence routine screening and response
- be supported to undertake domestic violence screening of female patients over a six month period.

GPs who participate in the project will be fully supported with resources for patients, and information about referral pathways. GPs will also have access to ongoing personal support to respond to questions or issues that arise as they build capacity to engage with this important work.

Four-hour training will be provided to GPs in June 2019, and the supported and monitored screening will take place between June and December 2019. If most or all GPs in a given practice agree to the project, training can be provided on site. If individual GPs participate from various practices, the training will be provided at a central location. There is no minimum or maximum number of GPs from a given practice required for the training and project to advance.

Please send your completed form (page two) to Melanie.Lotfali@health.nsw.gov.au by close of business on 24 May 2019. For more information, call Melanie Lotfali, Northern NSW Local Health District, on (02) 6621 1245.

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General practice name

Number of GPs at this practice

How many GPs in this practice are interested in the pilot domestic violence screening project?

All GPs in the practice are interested.

Only some GPs in the practice are interested.
(please provide number) _____

Only I am interested.

Has the principal or owner of the practice agreed for some or all GPs of the practice to participate in the project?

Has your practice engaged in previous activity to build capacity for identification and response of domestic violence?

Yes, please specify _____

No

Name of contact person

Role of contact person

Phone number of contact person

Email of contact person



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