

Dear colleague,

The Northern NSW Local Health District (NNSWLHD) recognises the key role that General Practitioners play in the healthcare of our community.

The NNSWLHD is also aware that many General Practitioners have extensive skill sets related to hospital-based care, and that many have expressed interest in assisting the hospital sector in managing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The NNSWLHD is preparing for surges in demand for acute hospital and related services in coming weeks. Our hospital spaces and resources are being scaled toward maximum additional capacity, and in that setting we will require additional medical workforce to operate our services.

I acknowledge that General Practitioners will also be playing key roles in the community setting throughout that time, as vital contributors to out of hospital care.

However, if you consider that you may have relevant skills and availability to assist the NNSWLHD in hospital-related work over coming weeks and months, then I would welcome your immediate expression of interest.

Those skills could relate to particular specialty areas within a hospital setting, including the Emergency Departments, ward-based respiratory and non-respiratory care, fever clinics, staff health and welfare, palliative services or other areas. The NNSWLHD will consider part-time or full-time commitments, and a range of start and end dates, and casual pool arrangements.

In preparation for COVID-19 related increase in demand, the NNSWLHD is putting in place rapid recruitment and on-boarding processes for health professionals, and we undertake to respond to all applicants.

If you are available to assist the NNSWLHD during this extraordinary period, please do the following:

1. Complete the 'Rapid On Boarding of General Practice Medical Officers' form.
2. Send the completed form to [sarah.lawty@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sarah.lawty@health.nsw.gov.au) by 24 April 2020.
3. Include any questions in your email response and a member of a NNSWLHD Medical Administration team will contact you.

Yours sincerely



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