

## Expressions of Interest

### My Health Record registration and

### Secure Messaging for local GPs and RACFs

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#### **Are you interested in improving the exchange of health information and continuity of care for your nursing home patients?**

Sydney North Health Network is seeking the involvement of local GPs and Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACFs) to participate in a trial to enhance communication channels for sharing of residents' digital health data. Selected local RACFs will be provided with secure messaging software compatible with that of your practice and registered for the rapidly expanding My Health Record digital health system.

The My Health Record is a repository of clinical information including shared health summaries, specialist letters, hospital discharge summaries and pharmacy prescription and dispense records. Four million Australians now have a My Health Record with over 5,500 General Practices and 530 hospitals nationwide registered in the system.

#### **Who is registered in the My Health Record system in the SNHN region?**

- 23 RACFs
- 187 General Practices
- 41 Community Pharmacies
- 53 Allied Health Providers
- 14 Public and Private Hospital
- Over 100, 000 local residents have signed up for a My Health Record

Local engagement with the My Health Record system has risen significantly during the most recent May to July 2016 quarter with over 6300 discharge summaries from hospitals uploaded and more than 8000 new consumers registered for a record. In addition, local GP uploads of clinical documents over the quarter has risen almost 300% to encompass over 4600 Shared Health Summaries. These summaries contain an overview of a patient's medical history, current medication data and information on allergies and adverse reactions.

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### What are some of the benefits for residents of having a My Health Record?

- Improved safety and quality of care.
- Enhanced sharing of information amongst healthcare providers without the resident needing to repeat histories or provide information which they may be personally unable to articulate.
- Greater information sharing and continuity of care between RACFs, GPs, Pharmacy, Specialists and local hospitals.
- Improved access to up to date and accurate digital health information (e.g. medication changes, discharge summaries).
- Less time spent chasing paper-based information and duplication of data.
- Ability to upload Advance Care Plans/Directives and information about custodians of these plans.

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