

# Key messages about the Primary Care Partnerships in Victoria



## Primary Care Partnerships

- Primary Care Partnerships (PCPs) were established in Victoria in 2000 and there are now 28 across the state, strengthening relationships with local primary care, health and community sectors to support prevention, early intervention and equitable access to services.
- PCPs are based on the philosophy that together partner organisations can achieve much more than can be achieved working on their own.

- PCPs across Victoria are undertaking work that delivers on over 20 state government policies and are actively embedding state government policy and reform in local communities across Victoria.
- With more than 850 members from a range of sectors including health, education and employment, PCPs are working with their local communities, partner organisations and other key stakeholders to deliver improved health and wellbeing outcomes.
- Taking a place-based approach, PCPs work across a range of settings including schools and other education settings, health services, workplaces, sporting clubs, correctional centres and rural community settings.
- Through their well-established and trusted connections, PCPs are working towards ensuring their local communities achieve the same outcomes as those identified for all Victorians, that is, being healthy and well, being safe and secure, being connected to culture, having the capabilities to participate, and a community that is liveable.
- To achieve these outcomes, PCPs are focusing their efforts on a range of complex health and social issues including preventing family violence and violence against women, reducing alcohol- and drug-related harm, preventing harm from gambling, improving mental health and wellbeing, increasing healthy eating and active living, oral health, social and cultural connectedness, community resilience, housing and homelessness, education and employment, healthy ageing, climate change, health literacy, mobilising community will, reducing chronic disease and disability.
- PCPs are also identifying shared measures to track outcomes and to ensure they are making a difference locally and collectively across Victoria.
- While PCPs strive for positive outcomes for the whole of community, much of their effort focuses on the most vulnerable members of a community. To address these inequalities, PCPs are working alongside a range of population groups including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities, LGBTQI communities, refugees and asylum seekers, people with a disability, children and families, rural communities and farmers, and older and younger populations.
- PCPs achieve results by drawing together the right people around a common agenda and helping them align their efforts, by raising awareness, pooling current funding or mobilising new funding, activating community will, and by aligning the agenda with government policy.
- PCPs build capacity both within their membership and the community. They provide resources, training, strategic guidance and advice; they act as a conduit for information, data and evidence and guide and promote best practice. The impact of this is improved local and state-wide collaboration, reduced duplication and improved health and wellbeing for all Victorians.



# Key messages about your Primary Care Partnership

## Overarching

- The Upper Hume Primary Care Partnership (UHPCP) is made up of more than 16 member agencies that provide health and community services and includes the local government areas of Wodonga, Indigo, Towong and Albury.
- The UHPCP focuses on improving the health and wellbeing of the upper Hume catchment and, more broadly, across the Ovens Murray community, underpinned by a strong commitment to prevention.
- The UHPCP brings partners together, encouraging collaboration to deliver programs that respond to the multiple, complex challenges facing its community.
- All partners—including hospitals and local health providers—benefit from the advisory, research and project management expertise the UHPCP provides.
- The UHPCP helps partners work together better, making the most of available resources, avoiding duplication of efforts and achieving the outcomes our local community needs and deserves.

## Secondary messages

### *Who we are*

- The UHPCP is made up of a small team with the skills needed to help its partners work together and serve its community better.
- The UHPCP responds to those most in need in our community including refugees; older people; isolated communities and individuals; farming communities; people at risk of experiencing violence; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities; and people experiencing chronic disease.
- The UHPCP partners work together to respond to the needs of the community, share their skills and align their efforts, ensuring limited resources provide significant outcomes over the long term.
- The UHPCP is committed to:
  - access and equity
  - strong leadership and governance
  - accountability and transparency
  - collaboration and partnership
  - evidence-based initiatives
  - Person Centred focus
  - sustainable outcomes.

### *What we do*

- The UHPCP turns theory into practice by using its expertise to create and lead effective partnerships that secure much-needed sustainable systemic changes, providing better outcomes for its community.
- The UHPCP understands the prevention, early intervention and wellness challenges of its community and is uniquely placed to design and deliver processes and practices that respond to its specific needs.
- Like other Primary Care Partnerships across Victoria, the UHPCP brings partners together to provide local solutions to local health and social issues.
- Those who interact with agencies across the health, community services, housing, education, justice and local government sectors benefit most from the UHPCP's efforts.

### *Why we matter*

- The UHPCP has a proven track record working with partner organisations to enhance access and equity for those most in need in our community.
- Without the UHPCP's ability to broker partnerships and develop new projects, vital local responses to family violence prevention; tackling the health and wellbeing needs of children; chronic disease; age-friendly communities; and effective measurement of outcomes in all our work may not have been realised.
- The people who most benefit from UHPCP's efforts are typically the most disadvantaged.