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Dear General Practitioner

The Northern Region GP Council (NRGPC) was established by the Northern Health Network (NHN) three years ago. The NRGPC provides a voice for GPs in the northern metropolitan Adelaide region to raise and discuss issues that affect general practice and provision of effective primary health care in our community. As a result, the NRGPC is the starting point for anyone looking for GP representation or feedback.

The NRGPC is a subcommittee of the NHN and an external advisory committee to the new Adelaide Primary Health Network (APHN), and is being expanded to include GPs practising north of the city (i.e. Kensington Rd/Wakefield St/Sir Donald Bradman Drive), including the inner north and north western areas.

**All GPs in the metropolitan Adelaide region north of the city are automatically members of the NRGPC (unless they choose to opt out), potentially representing over 700 GPs.**

NRGPC members are represented by the peer-elected NRGPC Committee, which is now expanding its membership from six to eight participants. We are inviting GPs that currently work in the inner northern and north western areas to nominate for the two new positions.

The NRGPC Committee will:

- provide a forum where GP issues and concerns regarding primary health care can be discussed and addressed, with an emphasis on how to improve health care outcomes for individuals and communities
- ensure that a consensus view around issues that affect General Practice are provided to the APHN and, as such, acts as the conduit for GPs across the region
- provide advocacy and linkages into and across other health care organisations
- ensure that GPs are given opportunity to provide input and consultation to matters prevalent to primary health care and general practice.

Experience has proven that as the NRGPC's voice has grown, opportunities to represent general practice in broader health system discussions including reform at state and national levels have been enabled.

**How will GPs raise issues that they would like addressed by the NRGPC Committee?**

- individuals or groups of GPs can raise issues directly with the NRGPC Committee in person, phone, email or via a web based forum that will be set up for GP members
- GPs can also indicate their interest in specific areas of representation (such as GP representation in State committees, Hospital committees etc.).

**How will the Northern Region GP Council communicate with the Adelaide PHN, SA Health and other stakeholders?**

- the Northern Region GP Council will be a pivotal part of the APHN engagement and practice team support strategy and can choose to move issues to the APHN Board agenda as required.
- the Northern Region GP Council will be the entry point for feedback, advocacy, representation and discussion around all health related issues.

**How can I nominate for a position on the NRGPC Committee?**

Information about how to nominate for a new Committee position on the Northern Region GP Council is included with this letter.

The Northern Health Network will continue to support the activities of the Northern Region GP Council, which will continue as a sub-committee of the NHN.

**Other information**

For more information, or to provide up to date contact details on the attached form, please reply to [erosie@northernhealth.net](mailto:erosie@northernhealth.net) or fax 8252 9433.

For further distribution, this letter and a copy of the nomination form can be downloaded from [www.northernhealth.net](http://www.northernhealth.net) or [www.adelaidephn.com.au](http://www.adelaidephn.com.au).

Kind Regards,



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Chairman  
Northern Health Network

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**Northern Region GP Council details form**

GP Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mobile number: \_\_\_\_\_

Practice Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Practice Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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