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Adelaide PHN begins operations

Adelaide PHN has started its work today – work that will have a major, positive impact on the health services accessed by 1.2 million people across metropolitan Adelaide, from Sellicks Hill to Angle Vale.

Adelaide PHN is one of 31 PHNs now operating Australia-wide, having been created by the Federal Government to replace Medicare Locals.

“It’s our task to closely examine Adelaide’s current health system and identify areas to improve, either through the better coordination of existing resources or by commissioning new services to address the need,” said CEO Deb Lee.

“Put more simply, our goal is to keep people healthy and out of hospital.”

Specifically, Adelaide PHN is tasked to:

- increase the efficiency and effectiveness of medical services for patients in its region, particularly those at risk of poor health outcomes; and
- improve coordination of care to ensure patients receive the right care in the right place at the right time.

“It’s a huge challenge but we are confident that working with Adelaide’s primary health providers and – very importantly – the wider Adelaide community we can take great strides, particularly in the areas of greatest need,” Ms Lee said.

Indeed, the focus of Adelaide PHN’s work will be guided by members of the general Adelaide public via clinical and community advisory groups which are currently being established.

Based in Mile End, Adelaide PHN replaces three Medicare Locals – Southern Adelaide, Fleurieu, Kangaroo Island; Central Adelaide and Hills; and Northern Adelaide.

For more information about PHNs, click [here](#).

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