

# **COODINARE – South Eastern NSW Primary Health Network (PHN)**

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## Illawarra Shoalhaven Clinical Council

## The organisation

COORDINARE, the South Eastern NSW Primary Health Network (PHN) is seeking expressions of interest from general practice and allied health professionals to join our Illawarra Shoalhaven Clinical Council.

Operational since 2015, COORDINARE is dedicated to fostering healthier communities. Through collaboration and co-design, we deliver healthcare improvements which will reduce barriers, improve access to primary health care services, and improve health outcomes. We prioritise activities which make care more accessible and systemised, and which promote an activated community. More information about the PHN is available <u>here</u>.

PHNs undertake to work together with skills-based boards, GP-led clinical councils, and community advisory committees to ensure that decisions we make are influenced by community representatives, are aligned with local care needs and expectations, and better integrate local health care systems.

#### The role

The role of the Clinical Council is to provide expert and strategic advice to our Board on a range of clinical issues in the region relating to improving health care accessibility and outcomes for the Illawarra Shoalhaven population. COORDINARE will seek advice to improve our understanding of the region's healthcare landscape and will ask the Clinical Council to generate ideas, sense check proposals, and provide specific responses about submissions and commissioning work.

It is important that Clinical Council members should bring healthcare issues and items of interest to COORDINARE's attention, so that where possible our work can address local and regional concerns. The Clinical Council provides an opportunity for COORDINARE to work with local health professionals throughout South Eastern NSW to enhance collaboration and positively impact upon the experiences and outcomes of patients.

#### **Skills and experience**

The successful appointees will demonstrate an understanding of the primary care environment and their local region. They will have appropriate knowledge and specific skill sets to address issues including service gaps, multi-disciplinary team-based care, and will be committed to improving the health outcomes of residents of the Illawarra and Shoalhaven. Importantly, appointees are expected to regularly communicate with their colleagues locally to ensure a broad understanding of local issues which may contribute to strategic discussions.

We are seeking applications from motivated General Practitioners and General Practitioner Registrars, and especially encourage EOIs from motivated Aboriginal Health GP Registrars from the Illawarra and Shoalhaven regions.

Clinical Council members are appointed for an initial three-year term and meet quarterly for two hours, either in person or online.

We welcome applications from people of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent and those from culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

## **Application process**

The EOI is currently open. We invite applicants to submit an expression of interest <u>here</u>, or to make further enquiries about this opportunity please contact:

- Katherine Michelmore, Medical Director at <u>kmichelmore@coordinare.org.au</u> or on 0439 450 989.
- Juanita Murphy, Director Community and System Collaboration on 0410 027 837.