15 November 2010
Have A Say On Local Hospital Networks

Community members and organisations will have a chance to have their say on the development of Local Hospital Networks at a series of forums being held across the NT.

Local Hospital Networks will be made up of small groups of public hospitals and are a key element of the Federal Government’s National Health Reform agenda.

The public forums will provide an opportunity for community members to familiarise themselves with the planned reforms, and express their views on what is working well under the current system, and what is not.

“The National Health Reforms and their implementation provide us with a significant opportunity to reshape and influence the delivery of health services in the NT,” Health Minister Kon Vatskalis said today.

“We want to take what is working effectively now into the new model, as well as using the reform process to make improvements in areas that could work better,” he said.

“I encourage anyone who is interested in the future of public hospital services in the Northern Territory to take the time to attend one of these forums.”

The first of the public forums will be held at Alice Springs and Tennant Creek.

Alice Springs
15 November, 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm
Alice Springs Town Council.

Tennant Creek
17 November, 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm
Charles Darwin University, Kargaru Room
65 Staunton Street.

The consultation paper on the formation of Local Hospital Networks has also been released for comment and feedback is invited, go to www.health.nt.gov.au

Comments and submissions relating to the questions posed in the Consultation Paper can be emailed to healthreforms@nt.gov.au.

Comments close 29 November 2010.

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