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Country Liberals commit to revolutionise health service delivery

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Budget 2016 will implement an Australian first in health initiatives with the allocation of $186 million, over five years, to further bolster the Core Clinical Systems Renewal Program (CCSRP).

In an Australian first, the Northern Territory will set the agenda across the nation with a jurisdiction-wide single integrated client-centric health electronic record system.

Minister for Corporate and Information Services Peter Styles said the five-year program to upgrade the existing core clinical information systems will be the largest ICT reform ever undertaken in the Territory.

“For the first time clinicians will be able to electronically access patient records from any public health care facility, anywhere in the Territory,” Mr Styles said.

“The ambitious program will replace four existing clinical information systems with a single end-to-end clinical information system at the point of care for all public health facilities including all NT Public Hospitals and over 50 health clinics.

“It will improve efficiency, eliminate outdated, manual systems of patient support and ultimately improve health outcomes.”

Minister for Health John Elferink said the Country Liberal Government has set out to revolutionise healthcare delivery in the Territory by modernising the outdated ICT system, to ensure the right information about a patient is available at the point of treatment.

“The program will transform our public health care network meaning clinicians will no longer need to re-assess a patient’s history each time they visit a Territory public health service,” Mr Elferink said.

“Immediate access to patient records will improve the delivery of health care for Territorians through reduced re-admissions, reduced Emergency Department waiting times and improved patient safety.”

The announcement extends the Country Liberal Government’s commitment to set the standard in core clinical health and follows the development and implementation of innovative health solutions such as Telehealth.
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