

Expression of Interest: Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) General Practitioner Champion

Opportunity

Gold Coast Primary Health Network is currently recruiting an (AOD) General Practitioner Champion to provide expertise and support for the AOD Primary Care Project.

Recognising that general practice is the primary gateway for people to access AOD clinical services, this position provides an excellent opportunity to contribute key recommendations to develop and strengthen general practice AOD management options/referral pathways service links with the broader AOD sector, and to support enhancing the skills of general practice staff to provide best practice/evidence based/development of new models of clinical care for patients experiencing problematic AOD use. The AOD GP Champion will support local general practices to develop and implement AOD treatment and management options to improve outcomes for people experiencing problematic AOD use.

Background

This project aims to:

- build confidence and capacity within primary care in reducing harms, early detection of problematic use and referral to treatment for people with problematic substance use
- provide participating practices with resources and support throughout the duration of the project to support the requirements for accreditation and the Practice Incentive Payment (PIP) for Quality Improvement (QI)
- increase awareness of Alcohol and Other Drugs support services available to patients in the Gold Coast PHN region.

The GCPHN AOD Primary Care Project aims to utilise the expertise of a local GP Champion to assist with promotion of the project, as well as supporting general practice to identify quality improvement opportunities in relation to the identification, intervention and treatment of problematic drug and alcohol use. Quality improvement toolkit resources and additional training will be made available.

The AOD General Practitioner Champion will support a collaborative and coordinated approach to the identification, development and delivery of a range of activities that will assist general practices to increase their ability to improve care of patients with AOD issues.

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Key responsibilities of Alcohol and Drug GP Champion

Continuous Quality Improvement

- Recruit GPs who have been approved/completed the RACGP/ACRRM AOD training, to participate in AOD placements and/or engage in the Qld Opioid Treatment Prescriber course
- Promote RACGP/ACRRM education and training programs through published articles, face to face visits, video vignette and other means with GPs in the Gold Coast PHN region
- Raise awareness of AOD treatment and management options amongst GPs and practice teams
- Develop and deliver CQI implementation plan to facilitate uptake of AOD training and resources by general practices and incorporating activities as business as usual. CQI toolkit and resources, and AOD practice data to support CQI activities
- Contribute to evaluation and the sharing of the project learning locally, regionally and nationally. and

Education, Presentations and Training

- Lead small learning groups with practices engaged in the CQI activity
- Deliver AOD education sessions for GPs and practice staff
- Present/ facilitate / lead at proposed events or webinars hosted by GCPHN and GCH

Sector Engagement

- Promote AOD screening and well-being amongst primary care patient population
- Improve collaboration with other AOD workers and services on the AOD pathway
- Improve GP engagement with the GC AOD Health Network – Community of Practice
- Attend the Gold Coast AOD Partnership Group and Joint Regional Plan meetings as the General Practice representative

Skills, competencies and qualifications

- Interest or specialist skills in AOD, a passion for education, motivation to make a positive impact in this crucial area of primary care
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, in order to build relationships and influence change

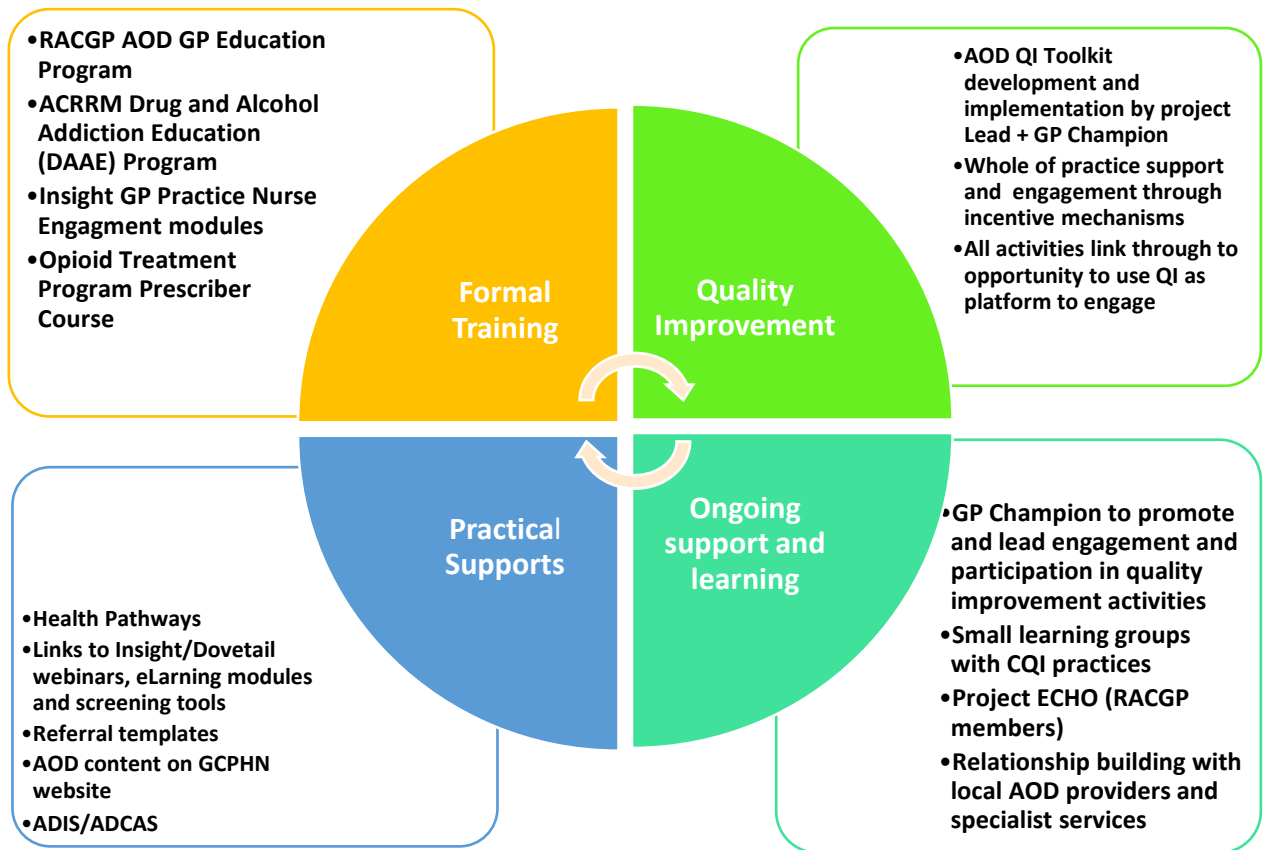
The following approach helps to communicate the key elements of the AOD Primary Care Project and how they support each other.

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Essential selection criteria

- Current registration with a professional body and practicing as a clinician in a Gold Coast general practice
- Ability to understand and balance the needs of different service providers, professions and populations
- Ability to represent the experience of general practice
- A special interest in mental health, AOD , suicide prevention services and/or clinical experience in this area
- Ability to actively contribute and challenge in a group environment
- Strategic thinker, visionary and have the ability to take a whole of system view
- Assess complex issues and develop appropriate strategies and improvement solutions?
- Value the inclusion of the lived experience voice
- A desire to drive and inform evidence-based service development/ System change
- Available to attend Committee meetings.

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Remuneration

G.P Champion will be remunerated for work in line with GCPHN's Sitting Fees:

Category C	Hourly Rate (ex GST)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GPs	\$171.00

Application and Appointment Process

Please email your application to commissioning@gcphn.com.au no later than 4:00pm on Friday 26th February 2021. Please submit your resume and a cover letter that describes your professional experience and the potential contribution you can make to the Alcohol and Drug Pilot Project, **based on the selection criteria.**

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this opportunity further, please contact Natasha van Bruggen by email natashav@gcphn.com.au or phone (07) 56125471

All applications will be informed of the outcome of the EOI by email.

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