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Mackay Primary Health Services: business as usual

Pending the formation of the new medicare local organisation that will encompass the Mackay region, General Practice Queensland (GPQ), a peak body representing divisions of general practice, is auspicing the health services delivery, formally provided by the Mackay Division of General Practice.

The Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) and GPQ signed an auspicing arrangement on Friday 27 May 2011. The new agreement was effective immediately.

The community of Mackay can remain confident that there will be no disruption to the current practice support services, mental health and allied health services delivered in the area.

GPQ will also ensure that general practice support continues and is confident that this will be further enhanced as a precursor to the formation of a medicare local in the region.

A key priority will be strengthening of the relationships with general practice, allied health professionals, medical specialists, hospitals, community health organisations, Queensland Health and neighboring divisions of general practice, especially Townsville General Practice Network.

“The excellent health service delivery to the community by general practice, practice nurses, psychologists and other allied health workers in Mackay will not only continue but will remain well supported” said Dr Dilip Dhupelia GPQ Board Chair.

Dr Dhupelia said “The health of the Mackay community remains our first priority and we will ensure that the services are well planned to meet the health needs of the community.”

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