

Media Release

New Health Hub to improve health of families in Wollri Creek

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Today, a new health integrated care hub offering a broad range of services ranging from midwifery, child and family health, parenting support and women's health opened in Wollri Creek in southern Sydney.

The Wollri Creek Hub, at Shop A, 4 Magdalene Terrace Wollri Creek, aims to improve the health and wellbeing of women, children and families in the area by providing integrated early intervention and prevention services.

Health Minister Brad Hazzard said the new health integrated care hub will provide much needed support to young families in the Wollri Creek region.

"We know that the first five years of a child's life is an extremely formative time for their long-term physical, cognitive and social development so it is crucial that we support families as much as we can during this time," Mr Hazzard said.

The Health Hub is a collaboration between South Eastern Sydney Local Health District's (SESLHD) Child and Family Health, Women's Health Program, St George Hospital Maternity Service and not-for-profit organisation Karitane

Michelle Jubelin, Director of Child and Family Health Services at SESLHD's Population and Community Health, said: "We are excited to expand our health services and partner with Karitane and the local community. By providing a service that is accessible and focused on early intervention, we can help shape the long-term health of our children and communities."

Karitane CEO Grainne O'Loughlin said: "We hope this new integrated care hub in partnership with SESLHD is of tremendous benefit to families in this area."

The Wollri Creek area has been identified as in particular need of family support: 29.2 per cent of children in the area have one or more vulnerabilities, compared to the NSW average of 21.2 per cent.

There has also been a significant increase in the number of births in this area, with a predicted increase in population of 25 per cent in Wollri Creek and 44 per cent in neighbouring Arncliffe from 2020-2036.

It is a culturally diverse area, with 24 per cent of residents having lived in Australia for less than five years, large numbers of international students, temporary resident visa holders, as well as grandparents and carers travelling from overseas to look after young children.