

# Services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients

## Prince of Wales Hospital

### Acknowledgement

Prince of Wales Hospital (POWH) is on the land of the Bidjigal/Bidiagal people. We pay our respect to all Aboriginal Elders and acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land.

### Demographics

Between 3 – 4 % of POWH admissions identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. This is a mandatory question we ask patient who are first admitted to Hospital. You can find this information on EMR under Patient Summaries. It is important to know if the patient is Aboriginal as they may:

- Have other chronic conditions that may not have been diagnosed or treated before
- Be presenting with a disease later in its progression or be younger than non-Indigenous people presenting with the disease
- Have mistrust of Government institutions and find attending hospital triggers fears or past trauma.

Referral service	How to contact/refer
<p><b>Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Service</b> Provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cultural support and protocols</li> <li>- Explains hospital journey Advocacy and improves communication with hospital staff</li> <li>- Referral to other support services</li> <li>- Practical assistance with legal services, aged care services, child protection, accommodation and travel.</li> </ul>	<p>We have three AHLOs: Aunty Linda Boney Jeremy Davison Clayton Donovan.</p> <p>To refer a patient, call: 9382 2332 or 9382 2561 or call switch and ask them to page the Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officers.</p>

<p><b>Eastern Suburbs Mental Health Service (ESMHS) Aboriginal Mental Health Navigator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supports staff in culturally informed assessment and treatment processes.</li> <li>- Suggest services, information or resources to support individuals with mental health concerns.</li> </ul>	<p>Carly Anderson  Monday, Wednesday, Friday – based in Community.  Tuesday, Thursday – based on Prince of Wales campus  carly.anderson@health.nsw.gov.au  0476 365 744</p>
<p><b>Aboriginal Community Health Services</b>  Support patient and families when they leave hospital. Provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Information and care coordination</li> <li>- Referrals to Aboriginal services, transport</li> <li>- Healthy lifestyle classes</li> </ul>	<p>Miki Griffith  Aboriginal Community Health Worker  02 9382 8348  Miki.griffith@health.nsw.gov.au</p>
<p><b>La Perouse Aboriginal Community health centre</b>  Provide specialist appointments in the La Perouse Community centre including Endocrinology, Cardiology, Respiratory, Geriatrics, Podiatry, Eye Clinic, Oral Health, Midwife services, Mental Health Services, Drug and Alcohol Services.</p>	<p>Contact the Centre on: 8347 4800</p>
<p><b>Other SESLHD Aboriginal health services:</b> including sexual health, child and family, drug and alcohol, women’s health, maternity, palliative care.</p>	<p>See contact numbers on this website:  <a href="https://www.seslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/services-clinics/directory/aboriginal-health-unit/aboriginal-health-contacts">https://www.seslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/services-clinics/directory/aboriginal-health-unit/aboriginal-health-contacts</a></p>

For further information on Aboriginal health, please visit our POWH Intranet here:  
[http://seslhdweb.seslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/POWH/Aboriginal\\_Health/default.asp](http://seslhdweb.seslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/POWH/Aboriginal_Health/default.asp)