



# Inner Eastern Melbourne Division of General Practice

## Aged Care GP Panels Initiative

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# Our Division.....

- ◆ IEMDGP forms the network for GPs living and working in the Boroondara area
- ◆ The Division's catchment is the City of Boroondara, plus small areas of the Cities of Manningham and Whitehorse
- ◆ There are over 400 GP members of the Division, and 86 practices
- ◆ 55 aged care homes and 2695 beds

# Getting Started.....

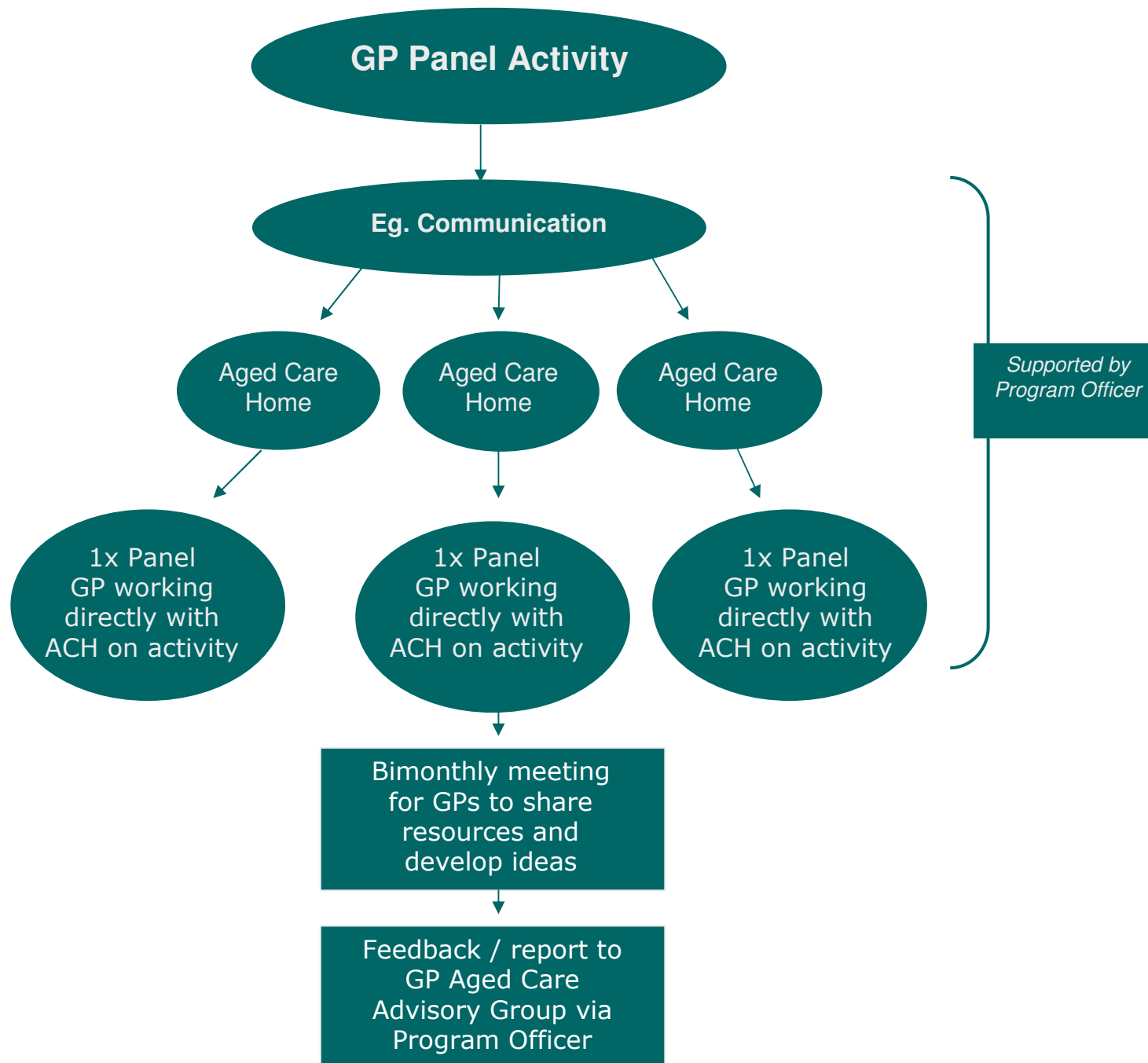
- ◆ Visiting and calling aged care homes
- ◆ Information packs to GPs and aged care homes
- ◆ Survey to GPs
- ◆ Survey to aged care homes
- ◆ Two information sessions
  - One for GPs
  - One for aged care home staff

# The Priorities.....

- ◆ Communication
- ◆ Medication management
- ◆ After hours
- ◆ IT (software for GPs in aged care homes)
- ◆ Education opportunities for GPs and aged care homes

# The Structure.....

- ◆ Selection process for Program Advisory Group
  - GPs and aged care home representatives
- ◆ Selection process for Panels
  - directed by the Program Advisory Group
- ◆ Expression of interest was sent out to GPs and aged care homes
- ◆ 16 GPs and 10 homes responded
- ◆ Matching process resulted in 12 GPs working across 10 homes



# The Panels.....

- ◆ Communication – 3 aged care homes & 3 GPs
  - working on protocols and processes
  - Developed templates
  - Currently trialling templates with GPs
- ◆ After Hours – 3 aged care homes & 3 GPs
  - transfer to hospital processes
  - Developing an audit to identify issues that occur after hours
- ◆ IT (Medical Director) – 4 aged care homes & 6 GPs
  - Medical Director set up
  - Panel GPs are trialling drug chart/ labels
  - Printing scripts
  - Panel GPs organising training at the homes

# Other activities.....

- ◆ Divisional regional aged care network meetings – RMMR event
- ◆ Educational opportunities for aged care home nurses through Practice Nurse Network
- ◆ 'Short term' RMMR Panel
- ◆ GP Mentoring Panel
- ◆ Medication management 'project'– post hospital discharge (with NEVDGP)
- ◆ 'Aged Care Panel News' newsletter for all aged care homes