

It has been yet another busy month in divisions and also here in the EPC office at GPDV. As some of you may know Graham has been away holidaying in Canada and Jennie Hall has been a very diligent temp. Jennie has spent a lot of time collating the EPC resources requested by the DH&AC. This was timely and has been requested by many of you in your reports. Thanks to the ten divisions who sent in resources. The timeframe for this was very short and if you would still like to contribute, this can be added. Please send to GPDV by the 13th of July. As this is currently quite a substantial document, and there is some duplication, an edited version & CD-rom will be sent out to all Victorian Divisions.

I trust that you find the information in this update informative. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any assistance.
Rosemary Fenech

1. EPC Web Page

Click on to the title above as a shortcut to the EPC web page.



What's New on the EPC Web Page?	
ADGP EPC Mapping Exercise	
Commonwealth EPC Publications Order Form	
EPC Standard Quarterly Activity Report	

2. ADGP Mapping exercise

Earlier this year, Maxine Clark the EPC National Coordinator at ADGP collated information regarding EPC activities in divisions, across Australia. Victorian Divisions were sent a draft EPC mapping document.

ADGP has collated this information and put this on their website with a search engine to make it easier to use. You can view the National Divisions EPC search on the following address;

<http://www.adgp.com.au/epc/search/index.htm>

The original mapping document, which was used to inform the database, is on the GPDV EPC website. If you would like the information contained edited please provide GPDV with this information at your convenience and we will send it on to ADGP to edit. Please send it to Jennie (until 6th July) or Graham at g.clark@gpdv.com.au.

3. Eyre Care Software Update

Following the EPC Co-ordinator training sessions conducted during April & May, the Eyre Care Software application has undergone thorough useability and reliability testing.

Feedback from the training sessions, combined with the current testing, has highlighted important areas for improvement in the ease of use of the application as well as increased data protection functionality.

Of major importance, highlighted at each of the training sessions, was the need to ensure Windows 2000 compatibility. This has entailed the need for significant

redesigning of part of the application. In accomplishing this the designers will eliminate the requirement to install and use Personal Web Server (incompatible with Windows 2000) in the software without having to sacrifice the look and feel that was demonstrated during the training sessions. Benefits of these changes will include quicker installation and improved security.

It is anticipated that due to the extra work being done, a BETA version of the software will be ready for release to Divisional EPC and IT Coordinators on *Monday the 9th of July* with a final release after all testing and documentation is completed by the 10th of August.

4. Translated Brochures

<http://www.health.gov.au/hsdd/primcare/enhancpr/epcbrochure.htm#translated>

The orange DH&AC consumer brochure and the maroon allied health provider brochures have been translated into 11 community languages.

The Department of Health & Aged Care have made these brochures available on their website to download. GPDV has received the brochures in PDF format. Please contact g.clark@gpdv.com.au if you would like a set sent to you.

5. EPC Reporting

As it is the end of the quarter, a reminder that the EPC Quarterly Report is due for the April to June 2001 period on the 23rd of July 2001. In response to constructive feedback on the report format some minor changes have been made. The modified version has been posted on the website for you to download.

6. Commonwealth DH&AC EPC Publications

The Commonwealth is distributing their EPC publications through a central service. The order form is on the GPDV website for your use.

7. EPC Project Worker at DHS

DHS has appointed a Project Officer, Cathy Sutherland, to develop, implement and resource a training and education strategy for State funded members of PCPs in the Enhanced Primary Care (EPC) MBS items for care planning, case conferencing and health assessment. As this is a six month position it is imperative that the DHS strategy build on the existing EPC education and training activities conducted by Divisions and the service coordination activities conducted by PCPs. More information will be provided to you, as it becomes available.

8. EPC Network

There have been some changes to the EPC network over the last couple of months. Cheryl Carr has left Geelong Division and Juliet Gavans has been appointed. Simone Goddee has left East Gippsland Division. Danielle Scoullar is now working on EPC at Murray Plains Division.

9. EPC Network Meeting

The next EPC Network Meeting will be on the 17th of August. This will be a combined workshop with the Mental Health Network. More details will be sent out with the GPDV workshop calendar in the next few weeks.

