

Hume & Whittlesea Pharmacy Waiver Program

Operated by Cabrini Outreach
in partnership with
Whittlesea Community Connections

Hume Whittlesea Primary Care Partnership
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ASYLUM SEEKER HEALTH NEEDS

1667

Asylum seekers in Whittlesea & Hume (end of 2018)

Health needs include high levels of chronic pain, poor general health, depression, anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). This pilot aims to prevent clients' health worsening due to financial hardship, isolation and fear, and uncertainty about their future.



ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

Asylum seekers are not eligible for health services Australians take for granted

While *some* asylum seekers are eligible for a range of health services through GPs and community health these do not include pharmacy. Recent changes to SRSS eligibility will see many with no income support at all. This pilot is a targeted response to help local asylum seekers access free medications that support their physical and mental health.



MEDICATION SAVES LIVES

Prevention and early intervention matter

Facilitating access to free medications when the person needs them, in a safe and supportive service run by Cabrini outreach at Whittlesea Community Connections in Epping will make a real difference to the health of local asylum seekers.



HEALTH IMPACT

Medication saves lives

Good physical health is essential to good mental health. The health outcomes of local asylum seekers that access free medication from the new Epping service will be measured in this pilot.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Volunteer or donate now

Volunteer or donate to Whittlesea Community Connections at:
www.whittleseacommunityconnections.org.au

Donate to Cabrini Outreach at:
www.cabrinioutreach.com.au

MORE INFORMATION - CONTACT

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