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## **WENTWEST DISCUSSES PLANS TO ENSURE WESTERN SYDNEY RESIDENTS BENEFIT FROM PRIMARY HEALTH CARE REFORMS**

Western Sydney general practice training and services provider, WentWest Limited, will be hosting two forums in March to discuss national health reform and the Federal Government's plans to launch 'Medicare Local' organisations, and how these changes will benefit western Sydney communities.

Local general practitioners, primary health care providers, organisations and community members will have the opportunity to learn more about WentWest and its plans for the future, as well as to ask questions and provide feedback on health issues facing the region.

WentWest Chair, Di O'Halloran, believes that these forums will provide an opportunity for the organisation to connect with the communities it serves in order to improve the health of local residents.

"Western Sydney is a truly diverse and unique region, with vibrant local communities, organisations, businesses and health practitioners who deserve to participate in planning the future primary health care system. We value our close-knit communities and want to hear from them on how we can improve the support and services we provide to families, carers, individuals, doctors and other health practitioners."

The forums will be held on the following dates at WentWest's offices, Level 1, 85 Flushcombe Road Blacktown:

### **GP Forum**

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011  
6.30-9.00pm

### **Community and Consumer Forum**

Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2011  
12.30-2.00pm

**Photo caption:** WentWest Chair, Di O'Halloran

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### **About WentWest:**

Covering the full spectrum of general practice training, education and support, WentWest provides both division of general practice services to more than 200 general practices in the local government areas of Auburn, Blacktown, Holroyd and Parramatta as well as delivering the Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) program to general practice registrars in the Western Sydney region.

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