# Brisbane South PHN

##  The Endometriosis and Pelvic Pain Clinics

## Expression of Interest

### Background

### Supporting, protecting and promoting the health and wellbeing of all women, girls and the gender diverse is a key priority for the Australian Government. This includes addressing key risk factors that can reduce the quality of life, and better manage the varied needs of women, across their whole lifespan.

### The Australian Government is demonstrating this commitment by supporting those experiencing endometriosis and pelvic pain, and perimenopause and menopause symptoms. These conditions can have significant effects on an individual’s health, education and employment.

### On 9 February 2025, the Australian Government announced funding of $19.6 million (GST exclusive) over three years (2025-26 to 2027-28) to support the establishment of 11 new Endometriosis and Pelvic Pain Clinics (EPPCs) in primary care settings and provide funding extension of 2 years to the existing 22 EPPCs. This measure will expand the network of EPPCs from 22 to 33 across Australia.

### Purpose

The intention of these EPPCs is to maximise the role of GP/nurse led multidisciplinary care teams to embed the management of endometriosis and pelvic pain, and treatment of perimenopause and menopause symptoms as a core part of the care pathway for these conditions, optimising primary care.

Funding of $770,000 over three years will be provided to a maximum of 11 existing GP practices to enhance capability and capacity to manage patients with endometriosis and pelvic pain, and perimenopause and menopause symptoms. This funding will be targeted to GP practices which currently deliver services focused on women’s health, including endometriosis, pelvic pain management, perimenopause and menopause, to become specialised EPPCs.

It is expected that these clinics will enable appropriate endometriosis care and management, leading to improved diagnosis timeframes and appropriate pain management for impacted patients. EPPCs can also provide care, support, treatment and management of symptoms associated with menopause, including throughout the menopause transition (perimenopause) and post-menopause.

### Application process

### The department is seeking nominations from PHNs for existing GP practices in its region, with a demonstrated focus on women’s health, that would meet most of the selection criteria as outlined in Attachment A.

Practices who would like to be considered for nomination are invited to complete this Expression of Interest and the attached nomination form (Attachment B). Applications will be evaluated by Brisbane South PHN and shortlisted for nomination based on the strength of their submission to meet the Department’s selection criteria (Attachment A). PHNs are allowed to nominate a maximum of 2 practices. The Department will then assess the nominated practices against the selection criteria and the alignment of their responses with the grant objectives and outcomes outlined below:

### ObjectivesThe objectives of the grant opportunity are to:

* improve access for patients to diagnostic, treatment and referral services for endometriosis and pelvic pain
* improve access for patients to care, treatment, management for perimenopause and menopause
* increase access to allied health and support services
* increase access to healthcare for patients from priority populations, particularly those in underserved communities
* provide access to new information, care pathways and networks
* provide an appropriately trained workforce with expertise in endometriosis, pelvic pain, perimenopause and menopause.

**Outcomes:**

The intended outcomes of the grant opportunity are to:

* increase access to an appropriately trained primary care workforce with capability and expertise in endometriosis, pelvic pain, perimenopause and menopause
* increase capability (awareness, knowledge and skills) for primary care health professionals in the diagnosis, treatment and management of endometriosis and pelvic pain and the support, management and relief of symptoms for perimenopause and menopause
* improve system capacity (workforce, capital or equipment) to facilitate access to diagnosis, treatment and management of endometriosis and pelvic pain and support, management and relief of symptoms for perimenopause and menopause
* improve community awareness of care and support available, including diagnostic, treatment, and referral services for endometriosis, pelvic pain, perimenopause and menopause
* increase access to evidence-based care and support services, either through a nurse navigator or referral pathway, relating to endometriosis, pelvic pain, perimenopause and menopause
* increase access to new information, support resources, care pathways and networks

### Submission of an application is not a guarantee that a GP practice will be selected to receive funding. PHNs will not be responsible for decisions on final EPPC locations, funding amounts or assessment activities. Submitted applications will be evaluated against the assessment criteria by a departmental panel and not the PHN.

### GP practices are encouraged to apply should they meet most of the assessment criteria, or where a genuine need in the local area has been identified and a GP practice is able to demonstrate how it could utilise the funding to meet the assessment criteria.

**Funding available**

$770 000 over 3 years (excluding GST).

**EOI application dates**

Applications close 5pm, Wednesday 23 July 2025.

EOIs will be evaluated by a panel and applicants will be notified of nomination outcome by end of July/early August 2025.

**How to apply**
**All applications are to be submitted to** **tenders@bsphn.org.au**

**Selection criteria**

Provided the eligibility criteria for making a grant application under these guidelines are satisfied, the grant application will be assessed for nomination to the department against the following criteria.

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| **Criteria** | **Description** | **Weighting** |
|  | Practice details | 20% |
|  | Practice capability | 20% |
|  | Core services provided | 20% |
|  | Referral pathways | 10% |
|  | Education and training | 10% |
|  | Equipment details | 10% |
|  | Stakeholder engagement | 10% |

### EnquiriesQuestions in relation to this EOI should be forwarded to tenders@bsphn.org.au

* In the interest of probity and equity, all questions and responses will be provided to all applicants via email. Please be aware that any new information provided in addition to this EOI will be made available to all.
* For further information about Brisbane South PHN, please visit [www.bsphn.org.au](http://www.bsphn.org.au)

### Authorisation and DeclarationBy signing this declaration, you acknowledge and agree to the following on behalf of the applicant organisation:

* I am authorised by the organisation to submit this application.
* All questions have been answered and all requested supporting documentation has been attached.
* The information provided in the application is true and accurate.
* I certify that the organisation is financially sound; solvent and can pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.
* I acknowledge that submission and acceptance of this application is not a guarantee of any funding and that provision of funding is subject to an offer from Brisbane South PHN.
* The applicant has no conflicts of interest which may have a bearing, or be perceived to have a bearing, on the ability of the applicant to properly and impartially discharge the grant objectives.

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