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Funding Boost for Eastern Health Services

More doctors, nurses and allied health professionals are set to be supported in GP practices across Eastern Melbourne following \$947,000 in funding from the Gillard Government, Federal Chisholm MP Anna Burke announced today.

The Melbourne East GP Network has been awarded the funding to boost clinical training places for student health professionals in 15 East Melbourne GP practices, which serve the largest concentration of aged care facilities in Victoria.

“This funding will allow these practices to upgrade equipment and renovate their premises, enabling the number of student placements to be increased,” Ms Burke said.

“We need to look at ways to address workforce shortages within health disciplines across the eastern suburbs.

“There is a huge concentration of Aged Care facilities, particularly in Whitehorse, so this funding will help to alleviate some of the strain on those services.

“By increasing training places we’re encouraging students to train and work locally, which will certainly benefit our health system in both the short and long-term.

“The project will benefit both students and professionals across a wide range of disciplines including medicine, nursing and dentistry,”

The following GP Network practices will be involved in the project: Ashwood Medical Group, Balwyn Health Care, Belmore Road Medical Centre, Blackburn Clinic, Canterbury Medical Centre, Comfort Medical Centre, Deepdene Surgery, Glen Iris Medical group, HARP Family Medical, North Balwyn Medical Clinic, North Mitcham Clinic, North Ringwood Medical Centre, Whitehorse Medical Centre, Woodhouse Medical Centre and Wickham Clinic.

Ms Burke said the training will begin in early 2011 and all the building works will be completed by June 2013.

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