

General Practice Liaison Officers

The GPLOs are a team of experienced GPs and a health professional with a general/private practice background. They are uniquely positioned to contribute a primary care perspective to enable better connected care and improve service integration for the North Brisbane and Moreton Bay region.

Key initiatives the GPLOs support include:

- facilitation of multi-disciplinary GP and health provider [education events](#)
- practice visits to support the use of integrated systems including Health Provider Portal, GP Smart Referrals and Health Pathways and discuss new services and patient pathways
- working to improve clinical handover between hospital to primary care and enhancing continuity of care
- providing primary care advice to key working groups and contributing to health service planning and the development of pathways of care and state-wide referral guidelines
- designing and implementing new models of care including shared care models
- providing GPs with regular communications through the PHN's weekly newsletter, [GP Link](#).



Dr Meg Cairns
GPLO

Meg has been a GP for over 25 years in a practice in Ashgrove.

She has been a GPLO since 2013, supporting many specialties as well as the development of referral guidelines and clinical pathways with the HealthPathways program.

Meg is the facilitator of the Metro North GP Alignment Program - Maternity and Gynaecology.



Dr Caroline Clancy
GPLO – Mental health

MCaroline is a GP at a practice in Murrumba Downs. She enjoys and has

experience in mental health within general practice, including work at headspace Nundah in 2018. Caroline enjoys all areas of general practice, in particular women's health and paediatrics, and has been involved in training registrars within the general practice training program. Caroline provides support for the collaboration between general practices, Metro North Hospital and Health Service and community organisations.



Dr Srishti Dutta
GPLO

Srishti has been a GP for over a decade and worked as a doctor across three continents. Since moving to Brisbane in 2014, she has been involved with medical education and worked as a GPLO since 2017. Srishti's main focus is with specialist outpatient services within Metro North Hospital and Health Service and she works closely with a number of departments including neurology, urology and pain.



Dr James Collins
GPLO

James works in the Brisbane North region to support collaborative efforts between primary care and the hospitals. His areas of interest include GP education, transfer of care including discharge summaries, general practice support visits, outpatient strategies and more.



Dr Stephanie Huxley
GPLO

Stephanie has been working in general practice since 2016 and is a practicing GP in Albany Creek. She particularly enjoys women's health, antenatal care and paediatrics and has worked as a GP with Special Interest in Gestational Diabetes at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital from 2018-2019. Stephanie's focus is paediatrics and strengthening collaboration between primary and hospital care in Metro North.



Mr Jim Loughridge
GPLO – Optometry

Jim has extensive and diverse experience in the practise of optometry, ranging from his own private practice, prison health, vision research and clinical teaching, to collaborative care within public Ophthalmology clinics. He has a keen interest in improving models of patient care, systems of effective communication and efficient clinical data transfer between public eye clinics, community optometrists and GPs. This is integral to his vision for increasing capacity for patients seeking ophthalmology services within public hospitals throughout Queensland.



Dr Catherine Swanson
GPLO

Catherine is new to the GPLO team in 2024. She is a GP of 20 years experience – starting in beautiful Cairns and now practising in Ashgrove West. She worked as a GP with Special Interest in Orthopaedics at TPCCH from 2018 to 2021. Catherine has a strong interest in health promotion and education and enjoys teaching High School Students, Medical Students and GP Registrars. Catherine's GPLO role is focussed on improving communication between General Practice and hospital services.



Dr Lois MacFarlane
GPLO

Lois is a practising GP in Keperra. She is particularly passionate about women's health, antenatal care and sexual health. She worked as a GP with Special Interest in Gynaecology at the RBWH from 2018-2020. Lois has a keen interest in improving health outcomes for patients through enhanced communication between primary and secondary care.



Dr Kylie Norris
GPLO

Kylie is a GP working in a practice in Bardon. She has worked as a GP in North Brisbane for 20 years which has included caring for patients in residential aged care facilities. She has been a GPLO with RADAR since it was established in 2018. Kylie has expanded her work focussing on aged care projects, also including cardiology, cancer care and palliative care services.



Dr James Martin
GPLO

James is a GP at a small family-owned practice at Sandstone Point. He has been a GPLO since 2014. He is focused on improving outcomes and experiences for patients within his local practice community (northern region of the PHN) and has special interests in the specialties of rheumatology and respiratory/thoracic medicine.



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