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Brisbane North PHN CEO to step down

The Board of Directors of Brisbane North PHN has today announced that long-standing CEO Dr Abbe Anderson will step down at the end of June.

Abbe has been with the PHN and its predecessor organisations since 2002. After taking up the CEO role in 2007, Abbe led the organisation's successful transition to a Medicare Local in 2011 and to a PHN in 2015.

Chair of the Brisbane North PHN Board, Dr Anita Green, expressed the Board's sincere thanks to Abbe for her inspirational and exceptional leadership.

"Abbe has safeguarded and enhanced this organisation's strong reputation over these many years," Dr Green said.

"Abbe can be justly proud of her many achievements. Her vision and persistence has enabled this PHN to plough new ground in community aged care, mental health, general practice workforce and hospital avoidance programs, to name a few. She will be greatly missed," added Dr Green.

Dr Anderson said the decision to leave the organisation after so many years was not an easy one.

"The time has come at last for me to move on to new adventures," Dr Anderson said.

"I have loved my time with this organisation and could not be prouder of my association with the accomplishments of the Brisbane North team."

"I would like to particularly thank the Board of Directors, all of whom have provided unwavering support, guidance and wisdom which has made me a better CEO."

"I will deeply miss my colleagues and friends with whom I have worked for almost two decades. It has been an honour to lead a team of talented people who are here because of a sincere belief in what we do and a genuine commitment to the community we serve."

"I have utter confidence in the Brisbane North team. The PHN remains in good hands and is well-positioned to continue its mission to support clinicians and communities to achieve better health outcomes," she said.

The PHN Board has started the process of recruiting a new CEO.

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Editor's note:

Images of Dr Anderson and Dr Green are available at

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About Brisbane North PHN

Brisbane North PHN is one of 31 Primary Health Networks nationwide and supports clinicians and communities within North Brisbane, Moreton Bay and parts of the Somerset region. The PHN covers approximately 4,100 km² of urban, regional and rural areas, with a population of over one million.

The key objectives of the PHN are:

- increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of medical services for patients, particularly those at risk of poor health outcomes, and
- improving coordination of care to ensure patients receive the right care in the right place at the right time.