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The Consortium of Rural Workforce Agencies to administer John Flynn Placement Program

The Consortium of Rural Workforce Agencies (RWAs) will administer the nation-wide John Flynn Placement Program (JFPP) from 1 July, 2017

The JFPP is an Australian Government Department of Health initiative and is designed to attract the future medical workforce to a remote and rural career. Each year the Program provides an additional 300 medical students the opportunity to experience clinical practice and lifestyle in remote and rural locations across Australia.

Successful eligible applicants, from 20 participating universities, spend eight weeks over three to four years in a remote or rural community with a one-to-one professional mentor, community contact and host. In any year in excess of 1,100 medical students participate in the Program.

Health Workforce Queensland is contracted as the Lead Agency with the Rural Workforce Agencies administering the JFPP in their respective states and the Northern Territory via Local Coordination Teams. This unique decentralised model enables Rural Workforce Agencies to engage with JFPP participants on a local level, whilst the Program is managed and consistency is maintained at a national level through the Consortium.

The Northern Territory PHN (NTPHN) is the Rural Workforce Agency for the stated jurisdiction. Northern Territory General Practice Education (NTGPE) is the Regional Training Organisation for the region. The RWAs are pleased to announce that NTGPE with the support of NTPHN, will continue to facilitate JFPP placements in the Northern Territory.

The NTPHN and NTGPE will work in unison with Health Workforce Queensland to ensure JFPP students placed in the Northern Territory get the most out of their placement in this unique and rewarding rural location.