**HALT-Friendly Clinic**

**Would you like to support local tradies’ mental health and wellbeing? Apply now to become a HALT-Friendly Clinic.**

**Background**

In 2019 Hope Assistance Local Tradies (HALT) launched the HALT-Friendly Clinic program in Victoria. The first of its kind, the program links tradespeople (blue-collar workers), with general practices that have a specific interest in suicide prevention and men’s health. More information is available in the [HALT-Friendly Clinics information sheet (.pdf)](https://nwmphn.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/1-HALT-Friendly-Clinics-7-20-Tom-3.pdf).

**Aims**

HALT is seeking general practices in the North Western Melbourne Primary Health Network (NWMPHN) region to become HALT-Friendly Clinics to:

* Show the community that your practice is committed to suicide prevention and improving the mental health of your patients
* Provide a safe space for tradies to overcome their reluctance to seek mental health support
* Raise the profiles of your general practice by highlighting your providers connection to community and special interest and expertise in mental health

**Benefits of your practice participating**

* Promote your practice as a HALT-Friendly Clinic and have the potential to increase your patient base
* Staff training and professional development in men’s health and suicide prevention
* Support to undertake quality improvement and education activities to enable your practice to become ‘HALT Friendly’
* Contribute to improving access to health care for a hard-to-reach patient population

**Practice participation requirements**

**All general practices that participate in the project will be required to:**

* Support the important work of HALT’s suicide prevention program
* Ensure all staff at your clinic are committed to developing their knowledge and training in men’s health and mental wellbeing
* Be willing to attend HALT events, meet tradies at HALT events and provide follow-up support

**Practice eligibility criteria**

**To be eligible for the HALT-Friendly Clinic program, general practices must:**

* Be located within the NWMPHN region
* Be an accredited general practice
* Have the capacity to offer longer consultations for tradies involved in HALT

**How to apply**

**If you are interested in becoming a HALT-Friendly Clinic, please complete the application form below and return by email to:**

**Primary Health Care Improvement**

North Western Melbourne Primary Health Network

**E:** primarycare@nwmphn.org.au

**Applications are open until further notice.**

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| **ABOUT PHNs** Funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health, Primary Health Networks (PHNs) began operation on 1 July 2015 and are responsible for coordinating primary health care and facilitating improved health outcomes in their local community. Melbourne Primary Care Network operates the North Western Melbourne Primary Health Network (NWMPHN). |
| **ABOUT Hope Assistance Local Tradies (HALT)**HALT is a national grass-roots suicide prevention charity. ‘Save Your Bacon’ brekkies and other events across Australia, are held to remind tradies that they are valued by their community and to raise awareness of mental health. Tradies are encouraged to help their mates if they are struggling and taught how and where they can get support if they need it.  |

We acknowledge the peoples of the Kulin nation as the Traditional Owners of the land on which our work in the community takes place. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: Application**

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| **PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR GENERAL PRACTICE DETAILS** |
| NAME OF GENERAL PRACTICE: |
| PROJECT LEAD CONTACT PERSON: |
| CLINICAL LEAD CONTACT PERSON: |
| CONTACT PHONE: | CONTACT FAX: |
| PRACTICE ADDRESS: |
| CONTACT EMAIL: |

**Practice participation criteria**

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| **HALT Friendly practices are required to observe the following criteria:** |
| Are you an accredited general practice?  | [ ]  |
| Is your practice committed to improving the mental health of your patients by providing a safe space for tradies to overcome their reluctance to seek mental health support? | [ ]  |
| Do your GPs have the capacity to offer longer consultations for tradies involved in HALT? | **☐**  |
| Is your practice team willing to participate in a one-hour HALT orientation session? | [ ]  |
| Is your practice team willing to complete up to 2 hours of online training? | [ ]  |
| Is your clinical lead or project lead willing to attend HALT events, meet tradies at HALT events and provide follow-up support? For example: Attend a one-hour session every six months. | [ ]  |
| Is your practice team willing to complete evaluation activities? | [ ]  |