

# Mid Week Memo

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## Private Psychology Services, Tamworth

Melissa Johnstone has commenced private practice in Tamworth and is available Mondays and Tuesdays, 8:30am-5:30pm. She has worked with Hunter New England Health since 2001 (most recently as the Clinical Coordinator for the Violence Prevention and Care services) and her areas of specific expertise include: Trauma; Sexual Assault; Child Abuse and Neglect; Child and Adolescent Mental Health; and Adult Mental Health. Referrals can be made by telephone or fax to:

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No bulk billing is available although EFTPOS and HICAPS are available

## Medicare Healthy Kids Check Resource Kits

The Division has received additional copies of the Medicare Healthy Kids Check Resource Kits. If you would like additional supplies, please complete the faxback to Sam below.

## Education Session with Dr Jean Starling - Inverell

The Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service at Inverell Community Health Service wishes to gauge the interest of GPs in attending an evening education session in Inverell with Westmead Children's Hospital Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist, Dr Jean Starling, on 20th October 2009. If you have any interest in attending, please indicate this by completing the faxback below.

## Changes to GP Mental Health Care Plans and Better Access Initiative

There has been some confusion regarding changes arising from the 2009-2010 Federal Budget and changes to the GP Mental Health Care Plans and Better Access Initiative. For clarification: From 1 July 2009 the name of the GP Mental Health Care Plan changed to "GP Mental Health Treatment Plan" and included a requirement that GPs document a diagnosis of a mental disorder in the treatment plan. **From 1 January 2010**, a new MBS item for GPs who have not completed Level 1 mental health training will be introduced. The Division is still awaiting confirmation of whether Level 1 mental health skills training undertaken in the previous triennium (prior to 2008) is acceptable. To assist with planning appropriate education, could you please complete the faxback below to let us know whether you have previously completed Level 1 training, whether you would be interested in undertaking this training and whether you would be interested in a CPD evening event as a refresher. Please note that last week's Mid Week Memo (15<sup>th</sup> July) included information on an opportunity to complete Black Dog Institute level 1 training in Tamworth.

Fax Back information

Fax Back to Trish on 6766 1372

	Yes, I would like additional supplies of the Medicare Healthy Kids Check Resource Kits
	Yes, I would be interested in attending an evening education session with Dr Jean Starling in Inverell on 20 <sup>th</sup> October, 2009.
	Have you previously completed Level 1 mental health skills training? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Would you be interested in undertaking Level 1 Training? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Would you be interested in a CPD evening as a refresher to current skills for mental health? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

GP / Practice Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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