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Infrastructure 'wish list' the key to successful PHCO reform

Dr Phil Godden says Primary Health Care Organisations are the master plan for reforming general practice for our local community but for PHCOs to succeed, the infrastructure 'fundamentals' have to be met.

"The Central Coast Division of General Practice is calling for the major parties in this election campaign to state their commitments to:

- Providing PHCOs with incentives to establish new innovative models of care
- Providing general practices with cost effective incentives to employ more practice nurses
- Continue to fully fund the general practice network-led *Nursing in General Practice Program* to recruit, train and retain nurses in general practice
- Rolling out an eHealth 'change and adoption' strategy through 60 eHealth change agents located in the network
- Funding a primary health care data development and information strategy including data warehousing and analysis capability

"A half-baked approach to PHCOs will not work. These fundamentals are required to provide the right support to transform health services for local communities that will drive general practice to the core of a cost-effective primary health care system," Dr Phil Godden said.

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