

South Island PCN

Saanich Peninsula and Western Communities

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Primary Care Providers Needed for Foundry Youth Services

Community Organizations across the Western Communities PCN have joined together to support **THRIVE** in the proposed establishment of a **Foundry** to provide integrated mental health, substance use, physical and sexual health support to young people aged 12-24 in the Western Communities. This underserved population has previously needed to travel to the Victoria Foundry location to receive these much-needed services, with up to 20% of the Victoria Foundry's patients living in the Western Communities.

In order to establish a Western Communities Foundry, we need physicians and nurse practitioners with an interest in supporting youth. **An Expression of Interest proposal is being submitted on November 7th, 2023**; however, model development and planning will continue after the submission.

If you are interested in sharing your expertise and care with underserved youth needing support, please contact Sia at aspasia.zabaras@sidfp.com or Scott Bradford directly at sbradford@thrivevictoria.org.

Nurse in Practice

The recent PCN Refresh has opened the door to some new and exciting possibilities within the PCN, including the opportunity to more easily add RNs and LPNs to longitudinal family practices to strengthen team-based care.

A more streamlined process to recruiting, hiring and retaining RNs and LPNs means better care for all communities. How the Nurse in Practice will be administered is under development with more details to follow.

To be part of this new more streamlined process, clinics need to be part of the Provincial Attachment System so **please ensure you send in your panel information before January 2024**. An EOI process will start in January 2024.

More information to come when it's made available.

Primary Care Networks

The South Island has been leading the way in primary care transformation at the community level since early 2020. By being innovative, collaborative, and flexible, clinical resources are integrating in clinics across South Island PCNs while establishing supports for success

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29,800

South Island residents attached to a new patient home since 2018

20,719

Western Communities
9,081
Saanich Peninsula

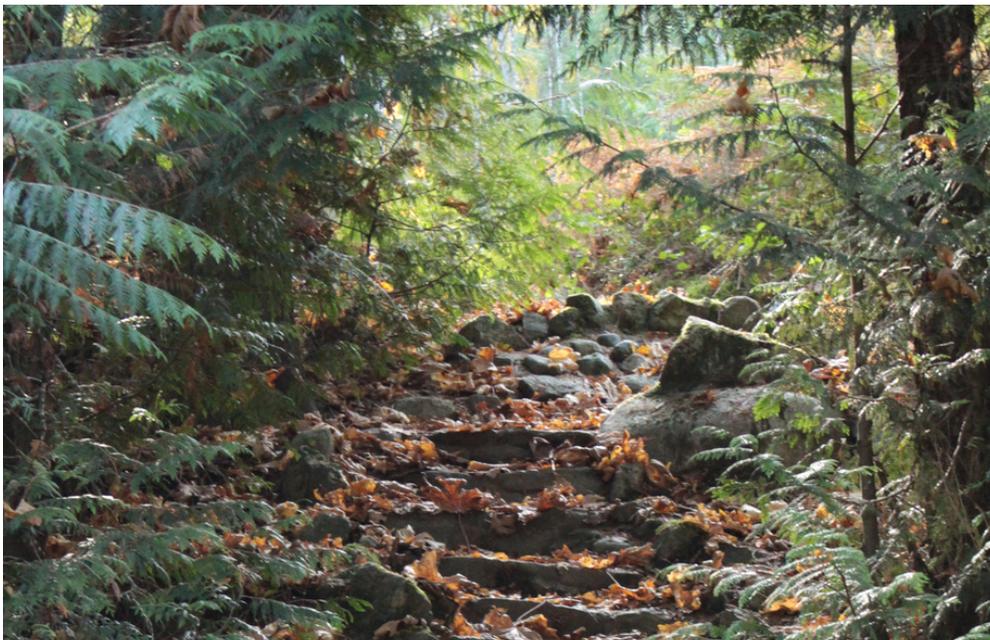
Community-Led Clinics

Community-led Clinics are another exciting venture outlined in the PCN Refresh. These clinics will be a hybrid of a family practice and community health centre, providing team-based, longitudinal and episodic primary care with a focus on community governance, partnership and contribution. The Community-led Clinic will be an attractive work environment, leveraging community partnerships to support recruitment, mentoring of new-to-practice FPs and NPs, and career transitions.

FPSC has shared that an EOI process for Community-led Clinics will begin in early 2024. The following criteria has been identified for funding purposes:

- Registered not-for-profit or society
- Defined size, staffing levels
- Defined service expectations
- Local partnerships, community contribution

FPSC shared that the pace of implementing these clinics will be managed and subject to available funding. The policy and funding parameters are still under development and we will provide more information when it's available.



Clinic Changes?

Is your clinic about to undergo any changes? Retirement? Move? Closure? Please drop us a line at attachment@sidfp.com so we can help support you, your staff and patients through the transition.

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