

# WESTERN HEALTH LINKS

*Helping patients with complex and chronic conditions to stay at home.*

Jason Plant, Program Director Western HealthLinks

*A new approach by Western Health, with Silver Chain Group.*



# Changing patterns of Melbourne's growth

Melbourne's population growth per decade

**1980s**



**+83k**

# Changing patterns of Melbourne's growth

Melbourne's population growth per decade

1990s



+73k

# Changing patterns of Melbourne's growth

## Melbourne's population growth per decade

**2000S**



**+138k**

# Changing patterns of Melbourne's growth

## Melbourne's population growth per decade

**2010S**



**+158k**



# Changing patterns of Melbourne's growth

Melbourne's population growth per decade

**2020s**



**+182k**

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Western Health

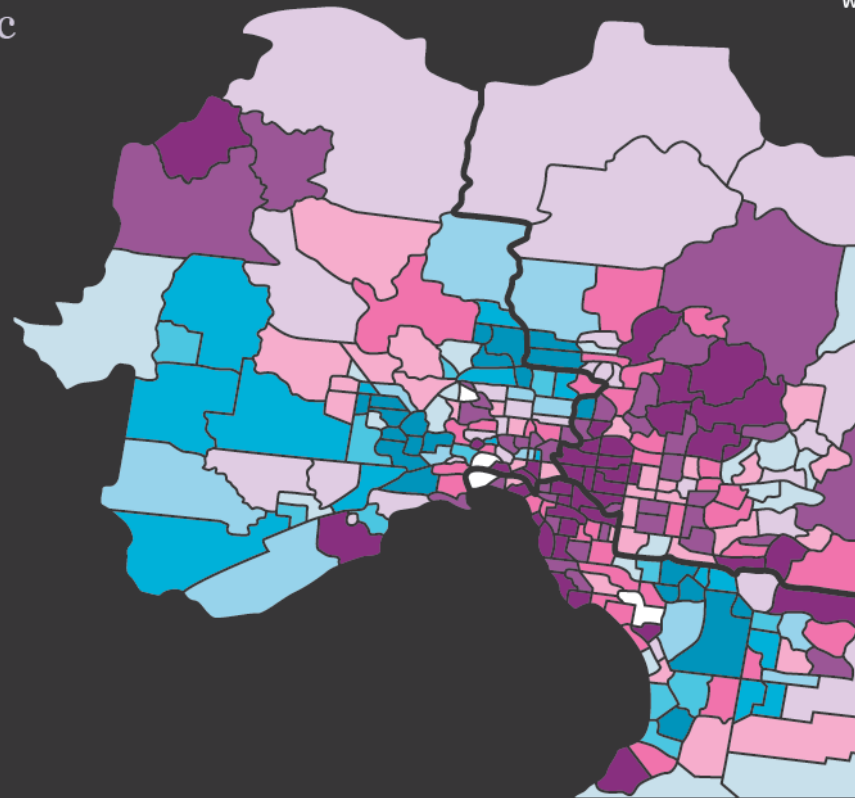
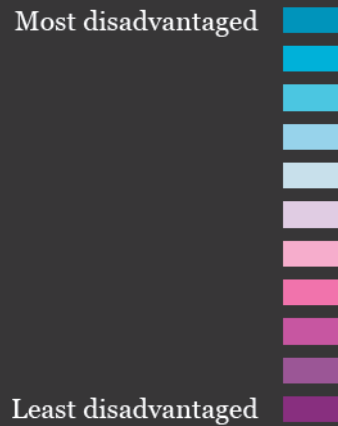
# Community of the west



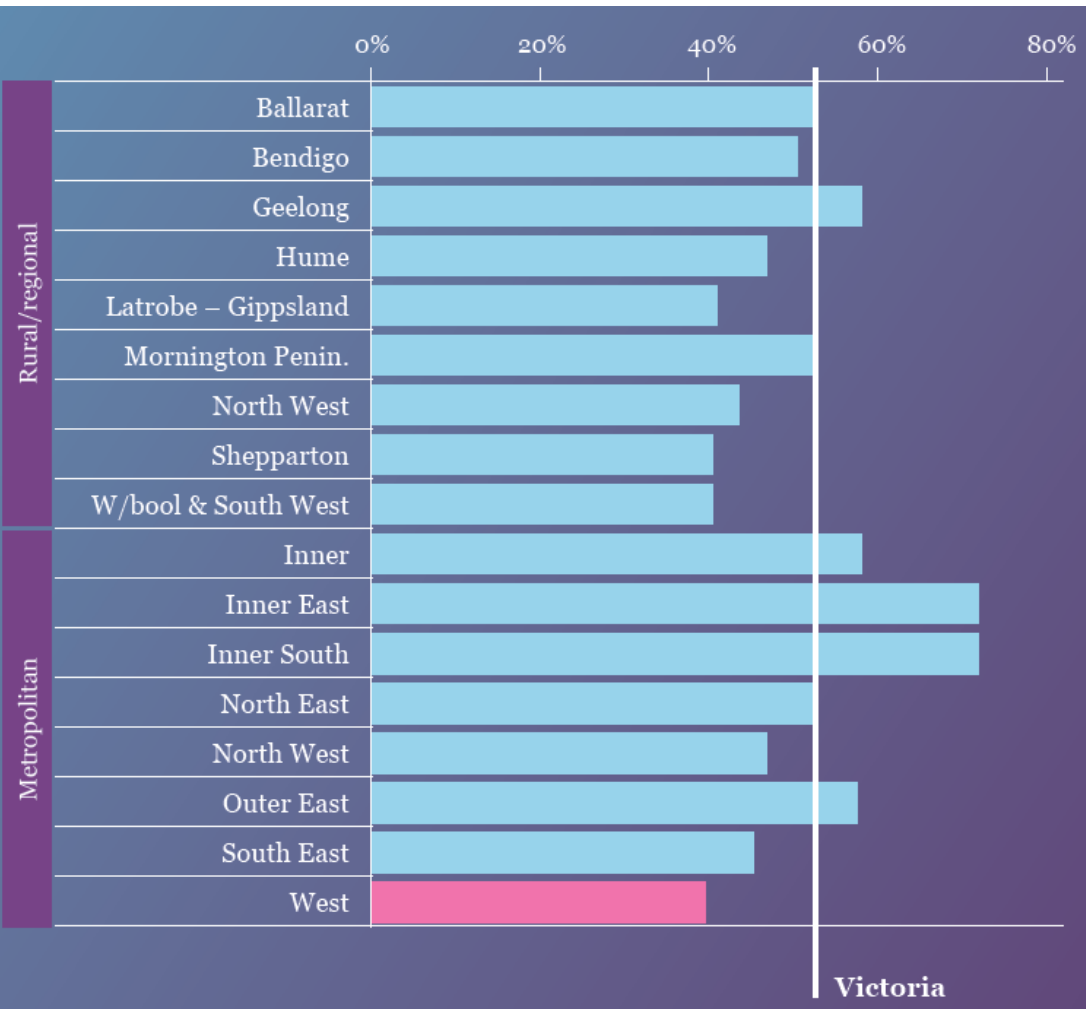


## Percentile rank (Victoria)

Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage







# Limitations of healthcare provision in the West

Percentage of taxpayers with private health insurance (2013/14)

Source: Australian Tax Office

# Developing the Western Health strategy

## AIM 1:

Growing &  
improving the  
delivery of safe,  
high quality care

## AIM 2:

Connecting the care  
provided to our  
community

## AIM 3:

Communicating with  
our patients, our  
partners & each other  
with transparency  
& purpose

## AIM 4:

Being socially  
responsible &  
using resources  
sustainably

## AIM 5:

Valuing &  
empowering  
our people



Guido



Western HealthLinks



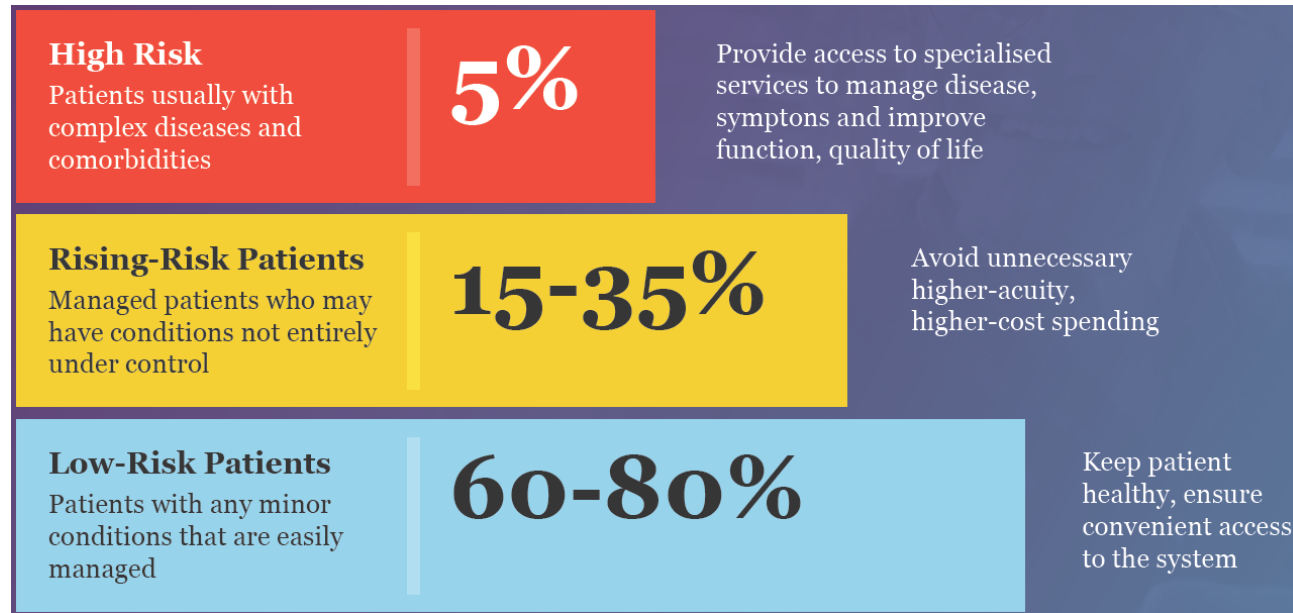
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# Consultation



# Benchmarking



# Current Model and Gaps



## Gaps in current model of care



## HealthLinks

- Patient Identification
- Internal Hospital Navigation
- Risk Stratification
- Collaborative Care Planning
- Transition to a Care Navigation Service



## GP & Primary Care



# Our collaborator

## Silver Chain Group



- Silver Chain Group – not-for-profit - run large in-home health and care services around Australia and employ more than 3,500 staff
- Work with hospitals and health services to strengthen the interface between hospital and community based care
- Enabling hospitals to focus on high-end, complex acute care with patients returning to the community as soon as safe and practicable
- They employ doctors, nurses, allied health professionals and support staff
- Proven experience delivering acute care in home settings on the scale required by Western Health

# Western HealthLinks

## Silver Chain Group

24/7 Phone Support	Patient Information Systems (Clinical Portal)
Priority Response (PRA)	Telehealth
External Care Navigation	GP Care

## Western Health Community, Ambulatory and Sub-acute Services

Internal Care Coordination (ICCT)	Home Services	Allied Health
Rapid Discharge Support Service (RDSS)	Psychosocial Support	Clinical Nursing Care
Sub-acute Services and Specialist Clinics	Pharmacy / Medication Support	Medical Support

## Western Health Acute Services

Acute Inpatient Care
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# Model of Care

## Patient Identification

- Initial Inpatient engagement
- Confirm patient contact details
- Inform treating unit of admission
- Communication with SCG Navigator

## GP Engagement

- Current GP/Community Care Plans

## Collaborative Care Planning & Risk Stratification

- GP
- Treating Unit
- ICCT
- SCG Navigator
- AH

## Clinical Information and Care Transfer

- Collaborative Care Plan transitioned to GP and SCG Navigator
- e-Referral for post discharge care requirements sent to SCG

## Post Discharge Services

- SCG Contact within 24 hours of discharge
- Collaboration with patient's GP
- 24/7 Phone Access
- Rapid Clinical Response (PRA)
- Clinical Portal

## Post Discharge Care

- Medical
- Nursing
- AH
- Psychosocial support
- Pharmacy Review
- Education
- Home Support

## Connection maintained with Health Service (if required)

- Rapid Access to Consultative expertise
- Rapid Specialist Clinic Access
- Planned Patient Admission

**CONFIDENTIAL**  
To be used only by  
authorized personnel

Active Alerts (3)

Criticality



Verified: System Administrator  
Reconcile Allergy Status!



Verified: System Administrator  
Acute Resus Plan, please see form



Verified: System Administrator  
HealthLinks Enrolled



ALERTS

RESULTS

REPORTS

DIAGNOSIS

CORRESPONDENCE

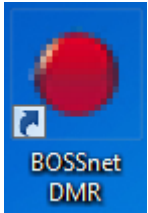
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# Automatic Identification System –

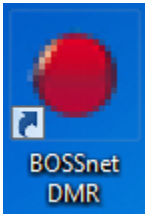


Newly Enrolled Patients

Health Links Newly Enrolled List Load Shared Consult List Shared Consults

Bed	URN	Patient Name	Arrival ▲	DOB	Sex	Consultant	Diagnosis	New	Unseen	Sign
<b>Ward F 3B (Footscray) (2 patients)</b>										
R12-29-F3B			25/01/2017	8/11/1926	F	Sydenham, MR Daniel	Left intertrochanteric NOF#. IMN 28/1.	★	👤	🚫
R12-30-F3B			28/01/2017	14/8/1935	F	McKie, DR Claire	Left knee pain	★	👤	🚫
<b>Ward F Coronary Care</b>										
R08-15-FCCU			31/01/2017	5/4/1939	F	Krawczynszyn, DR Mark	chest pain	★	👤	🚫
<b>Ward F Emerg - Obs</b>										
R02-06-FEOU			31/01/2017	23/1/1936	F	Kelly, MS Anne Marie	Infectious disease, unspecified	★	👤	🚫
<b>Ward S 2A (Sunshine)</b>										
R10-36-S2A			23/12/2016	24/5/1932	F	Johannesen, DR Mark	Chronic back pain	★	👤	🚫
R12-41-S2A			1/02/2017	8/2/1929	M	Joseph, DR Shikandini	tendency to fall	★	👤	🚫
<b>Ward S 3E (Sunshine)</b>										
R08-08-S3E			31/01/2017	17/9/1928	M	Bashir, DR Rashid	pneumonia	★	👤	🚫
R06-06-S3E			1/02/2017	1/4/1931	M	Bashir, DR Rashid	PNEUMONIA, LOBAR	★	👤	🚫
<b>Ward S 3F (Sunshine)</b>										
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R21-32-S3F			31/01/2017	17/3/1926	M	Meagher, DR Damien	generalised weakness	★	👤	🚫
<b>Ward S Intensive Care</b>										
08-SICU			31/01/2017	31/3/1932	F	Bui, MR Hai Thanh	team A : ? perf diverticulitis ?? pyelonephritis	★	👤	🚫

# Automatic Identification System –



## Readmitting Patients

Health Links Already Enrolled List

Bed	URN	Patient Name	Arrival ▲	DOB	Sex	Consultant	Diagnosis			
<b>Ward F 2 East (Footscray) (1 patient)</b>										
R11-17-F2E			30/01/2017	8/1/1934	F	Tramontana, DR Adrian	Splenic infarct	★	👤	🚫
<b>Ward F 2B (Footscray)</b>										
R07-39-F2B			31/01/2017	20/2/1955	M	Ng, DR Su-Lin	HYPERGLYCAEMIA	★	👤	🚫
<b>Ward F 2C (Footscray)</b>										
R11-23-F2C			29/01/2017	28/7/1950	M	Vinay, DR Amirthan	FEVER FI, PRE SACRAL ABSCESS, BIL KNEE PAIN, PROSTATE (T) RECTAL CA, PANCYTOP SPLENOMEGALY	★	👤	🚫
<b>Ward F 3 East (Footscray)</b>										
R03-06-F3E			31/01/2017	17/5/1936	F	Jacobs, MR Rodney	blocked peg tube, await new tube phx - partial bowel removal, Breast Ca, Hysterectomy	★	👤	🚫
<b>Ward F 3B (Footscray)</b>										
R05-08-F3B			5/01/2017	25/5/1925	M	Long, DR Claire	# R) NOF	★	👤	🚫
R07-14-F3B			19/01/2017	30/8/1929	M	Long, DR Claire	SEPSIS (T) AKI	★	👤	🚫
R04-06-F3B			23/01/2017	13/12/1952	M	Long, DR Claire	gout	★	👤	🚫
R12-30-F3B			31/01/2017	14/8/1935	F	Long, DR Claire	JOINT PAIN	★	👤	🚫


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# E-Referral


 WH Community Services Referral

**Referee and Patient Specifics**    ISBAR Referral

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**Referrer**  
Plant, Jason

**Referring Ward**  
F 2B

**Discipline** 


**Contact Details (phone number)**

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**Patient consents to referral**

**Interpreter Required**

**Language**

**Planned Discharge Date**  
 

**Discharge Destination**

- Home
- Discharge Address if not Home
- Home



## Debility, Psychosocial Screening Questions

Debility, Psychosocial Risk Score		
Question	Available Score	Patient Score
1. Does the patient experience difficulty walking (e.g., unable to walk 5 metres in 5 seconds), or had a slip, trip or fall in the past 6 months?	1	
2. Does the patient have memory problems or confusion?	1	
3. Is the patient being treated for anxiety, depression or other mental illness?	1	
4. Will the patient experience any homelessness for the month after they leave the hospital?	1	
5. Does the patient have <u>inadequate</u> food available in their home?	1	
6. Does the patient have <u>inadequate</u> heating and cooling in their home?	1	
7. Will the patient experience difficulty caring for themselves or have <u>inadequate</u> carer support for the 30 days after they leave hospital?	1	
8. Does the patient or carer believe the patient might unexpectedly return back to a hospital bed in the 30 days after they leave the hospital?	1	
9. Do you (Navigator) believe the patient might unexpectedly return back to an inpatient bed in the 30 days after the patient leaves the hospital?	1	
<b>Total Debility, Psychosocial Risk Score</b>		

# Governance

Project	Clinical	Performance	Research & Evaluation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Steering Committee (Monthly)</li><li>• Operational Committee/PMO (Fortnightly)</li><li>• Working Group (Weekly)</li><li>• Working Group Teleconference (Daily)</li></ul>	Western Health & Silver Chain Group Clinical Governance Frameworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Patient experience</li><li>• Increased days out of hospital</li><li>• 30 day readmission rate</li><li>• ED presentation rate</li><li>• Health system activity</li><li>• Cost</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Western Health &amp; DHHS/CSIRO</li><li>• Video interview series</li><li>• Co-design</li></ul>

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# The future

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**Challenge our  
health service  
to move outside  
the existing  
frameworks**