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Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

Senator McLUCAS: It would be helpful then if we could get a list of those programs. Are they in flexible funds or what types of programs are they?

Mr Booth: I would need to double-check.

Mr Bowles: It could be in a range of areas.

Senator McLUCAS: For clarity in the community, it would be really handy for us to know what those programs are that are moving from the Medicare Local to the PHN—what you are saying is previously provided by the Medicare Local but now will be tendered out.

Answer:

Programs previously provided by Medicare Locals that have transferred to Primary Health Networks are:

- Care Coordination and Supplementary Services (CCSS)
- Indigenous Access to Mainstream Primary Care (IIAMPC)
- Mental Health Services in Rural and Remote Areas
- Access to Allied Psychological Services
- After Hours.

Of these programs, CCSS, IIAMPC and After Hours are in flexible funds.

Where Medicare Locals were also funded for other specific programs (either due to market failure or being successful through a competitive funding process), these programs have also transferred to the relevant Primary Health Network.