Take action on drugs and alcohol

Drugs, communities and families will be the focus for this year's Drug Action Week (16 to 22 June).

The annual initiative aims to raise awareness of the dangers of excessive consumption of alcohol and the misuse of other drugs.

The director of Drug Health Services for Sydney Local Health District, Karen Becker, said the theme acknowledged the serious effects that drugs and alcohol had on individuals and their families.

“The week also emphasised the important role that families and communities have in addressing drug and alcohol issues within our society,” Ms Becker said.

“The week is a great opportunity to raise awareness of the impact of drugs and alcohol and to recognise how communities are responding to these issues.”

Sydney Local Health District will be hosting the following events for the community to receive information on a range of drug and alcohol issues:

- **11:30am-1:30pm, 17 June**: information stall in the foyer outside of the cafeteria at Concord Repatriation General Hospital;
- **10am-1pm, 18 June**: information stall in the main foyer of Royal Prince Alfred Hospital; and
- **9am-4:30pm, 21 June**: information stall in the foyer of Canterbury Hospital.

“If you have any concerns about your own drug and/or alcohol consumption or that of a loved one, I encourage you to attend one of the information stalls to get some support and advice,” Ms Becker said.

“Alternatively please contact our Drug Health Intake Line on 9515 6311 to speak to a clinician or make an appointment.”

**For more information, contact the Sydney Local Health District Media Team on 9515 9607.**