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**GP Synergy is committed to supporting and enhancing the training program in the  
New England / Northwest region;**

**We are planning for substantial expansion of the training program in the region;**

**Armidale will be enhanced to become our prime regional hub;**

**We are at a landmark stage of development !**

GP Synergy envisages substantial expansion of its training program and particularly in the New England and Northwest region. Our current capacities in terms of training practices, supervisors, medical education staff and facilities will be developed in a strategic manner to accommodate the expected expansion.

In 2012 GP Synergy will increase rural its pathway intake from 18 to 26, a 30% increase. This trend will escalate further in subsequent years. GP Synergy will also escalate its Pre-vocational General Practice Placement Program (PGPPP) within the region.

We are committed to ensuring opportunity for registrars to access quality rural rotations to meet their AGPT 'return of service obligations'. In concert with the above, an expected escalation of general pathways will provide opportunity for further placements within the New England and Northwest region.

Armidale presents the most suitable location to enhance existing administrative and educational capacities. It provides improved access to training practices, the University of New England and Rural Clinical Schools.

Administrative and medical education positions are being recruited to the Armidale hub to support our commitment to increasing training placements in the northern and western



parts of the catchment. There will be an increased focus on developing Indigenous Health Training (IHT) within the region as part of this expansion.

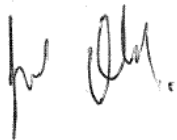
We anticipate that within the year, Armidale will become our hub for the New England and Northwest region and we are encouraged by this landmark stage of our development.

Your sincerely,



**Dr Charlotte Hespe**

Chair



**John Oldfield**

Chief Executive Officer