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Sunshine Coast Hospital In The Home service celebrates 1000th patient

People requiring hospital and health services in our region can benefit from inpatient care in their own home, or residential care facility.

Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service (SCHHS), in partnership with Silver Chain Group, offers a unique approach to delivering exceptional care for patients with its Hospital in the Home (HITH) service.

Clinical Director Dr Nova Evans said the 1000th patient had been cared for through the model of care which was launched in October 2014.

Dr Evans said HITH was the delivery of short term and after-hospital care in the patient’s home as a substitute for being in hospital.

“HITH is an innovative model of care that provides patients with a safe and high quality alternative to traditional hospital treatment, in the comfort of their own home,” she said.

“Most patients prefer to be treated in the privacy of their home, with their family or friends on hand. They can resume their usual activities and routines more quickly.”

“Patients tend to have improved recovery and outcomes at home, generally with fewer complications.” Dr Evans said.

Local Silver Chain Clinical Nurse Sue Murphy said treating people in the comfort of their own homes provides better outcomes for patients and frees up hospital beds.

“Our quality one-on-one in-home care is very popular with our patients,” Ms Murphy said.

“People don’t have to adjust to a hospital’s routine and can eat meals, watch TV when they choose in their own familiar surroundings.

“Reaching our 1000th patient is huge achievement, and we look forward to helping more people in their homes so they too can live their lives as they choose.”

Joshua Taylor, a HITH patient from Eudlo, appreciates the convenience of receiving hospital-level care in the comfort of his own home.

“The hospital in the home program allowed me to be at home with my children, eat my own food when I wanted and sleep in my own comfortable bed for a night of uninterrupted sleep.”
"I didn’t even know it was an option at first, it was definitely a wonderful experience for my family," Joshua said.

HITH care is provided by clinicians from many specialties including infectious diseases, gerontology, general practice, emergency medicine, orthopaedics, cardiology, paediatrics, respiratory, and surgery.

HITH patients remain classified as hospital inpatients for the duration of the episode of care.

Silver Chain is a not-for-profit organisation and one of the largest in-home health and aged care providers in Australia delivering community health and wellbeing services across Australia.

**MEDIA OPPORTUNITY**

What: Celebration of 1000th HITH patient in their home  
When: 10am, Wednesday 4th October  
Where: 23 McGilchrist Road, Eudlo

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