



South Eastern Sydney Division
of General Practice Ltd.



Better Outcomes in Mental Health Care

Access to Allied Psychological Services (ATAPS) 2007-2008

Partnerships in Practice: GP Access to Psychological Health Services

Patient Information Sheet

The Eastern Sydney Division and South Eastern Sydney Divisions of General Practice in collaboration with your General Practitioner (GP) are conducting a project called **Access to Allied Psychological Services (ATAPS)**. The benefit for participation in the project is that you will be eligible to receive psychological services at an affordable cost.

These psychological services will be performed by a registered Psychologist in private treatment rooms. For services provided by the registered Psychologist you may be required to pay a co-payment.

Initially you will receive six sessions of treatment. Following this, you will be required to have a review session with your GP, at which time you may have a further 6 sessions. You will be expected to be committed to attend each session and to give 48 hour cancellation notice if you are unable to attend.

Participation in this program is entirely voluntary; you are in no way obligated to participate and if you so desire, you can withdraw at any time. Whatever your decision, please be assured that it will not affect your medical treatment or your relationship with your doctor.

This project is being evaluated and data on socio-demographic, clinical and treatment statistics will be made available to the Division. However, your confidentiality is paramount, and so all evaluation data will be provided in a form that does not identify you name. Paper copies of de-identified data will be kept in a locked filing cabinet and computer files will be password protected and accessible to the researchers only. You may refuse to have your information included in the evaluation of the project.

When you have read this information, your GP will discuss it with you further and answer any queries you may have.

Any complaints you may have can be directed to Kevin Reid, CEO of Eastern Suburbs Division of General Practice, 9389-0874.

This information sheet is for you to keep.