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NEW CEO FOR MERRI COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Merri Community Health Services (MCHS) has announced the appointment of its new Chief Executive Officer.

Newly-elected MCHS Chairperson, Ms Meredith Carter said the former chief executive of the Nurses Board of Victoria, Mr Nigel Fidgeon will take up his new position from Monday 31 January.

Ms Carter said Mr Fidgeon's experience in leadership roles with a number of health-based organisations – including the Australian Red Cross Blood Service and the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital - would be invaluable to MCHS as it prepares for the next phase of national health reforms.

“Nigel has significant experience leading multi-disciplinary teams across multiple sites to improve patient care and waiting times, while at the same time developing innovative relationships between health organisations and community agencies to deliver more effective services.

“This experience will be particularly important as MCHS prepares for a period of significant change that we believe will create opportunities for new alliances and partnerships to deliver improved health services for the communities in which we operate.”

Mr Fidgeon will lead a team of 310 staff who provide a wide range of community health services at 15 MCHS sites across Melbourne's northern region.

Ms Carter said Mr Fidgeon would play a key role in ensuring that local communities are effectively represented in current debates on future state and national funding for health care.

“A key part of Nigel's role will be to involve the people we serve in these health debates to ensure we achieve the best outcome for our local community.”

Ms Carter was elected in December to chair the MCHS Board. With more than 20 years experience at senior levels across the private, public and not-for-profit sectors, she is highly regarded for her work in developing health policy and consumer participation in health issues.

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