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SHQ welcomes funding to support women

SHQ (Sexual Health Quarters) is the proud recipient of funding from the Australian Government to run a two-year project around identifying and responding to intimate partner violence (IPV).

Dr Richelle Douglas, Medical Director, said that the funding would allow the development of much-needed screening tools to identify victims of IPV and/or reproductive coercion, both in WA and across Australia.

“Reproductive coercion is a term used to define a range of fertility-controlling behaviours. Accurate data on IPV and reproductive coercion is severely lacking in Australia, and as a result, these issues are not widely understood,” said Dr Douglas.

“This project will initiate improvements in data collection, which will inform a greater understanding by health professionals, allowing them to help and support more women.”

“Links between reproduction coercion and the outcomes of unintended pregnancy and sexually transmissible infections will also be researched,” she said.

Dr Douglas said that the funding would allow staff in primary care settings to be trained to identify and respond to IPV and reproductive coercion.

“We are pleased to see the Government’s commitment to this important area of reproductive health, which will benefit women across Australia.”

This program is funded by the Australian Government through the Women’s Leadership and Development Program.

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