

NSW ADHD Reforms

Report on the implementation of general practitioner (GP) continuation prescriber reforms

Report as of 24 November 2025

Implementation progress – since 1 September 2025

560general authorities*
issued to GPs**2,953**people prescribed a
psychostimulant**6,373**scripts filled through
pharmacies**40%**of practices outside of
metro Sydney^

Practices with GPs who are continuation prescribers in NSW

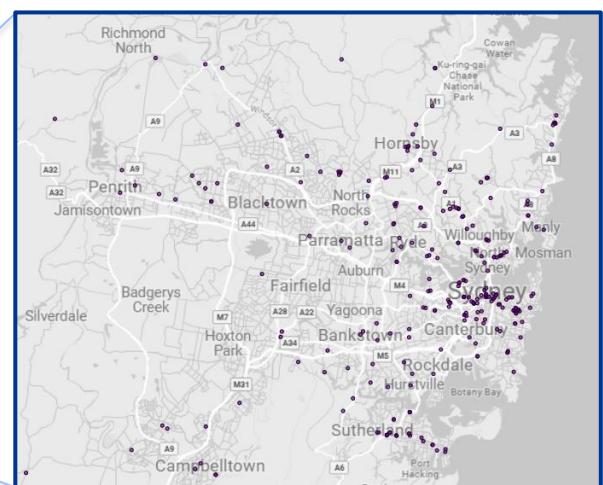
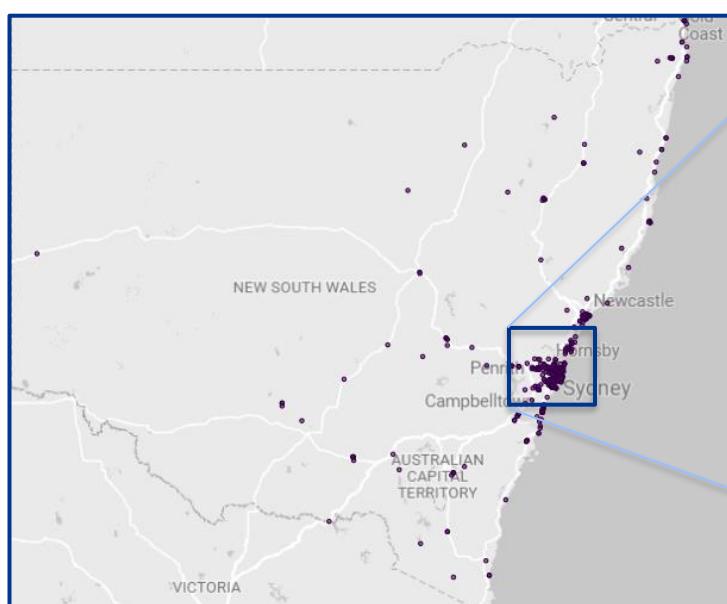


Table 1: GP continuation prescriber practice locations, by primary health network (PHN).

PHN	GP continuation prescriber
Central and Eastern Sydney	163
Hunter New England and Central Coast	88
Murrumbidgee	17
Nepean Blue Mountains	17
North Coast	39
Northern Sydney	97
South Eastern NSW	58
South Western Sydney	31
Western NSW	14
Western Sydney	34
Other*	2
TOTAL:	560

*Other: refers to interstate practices, e.g. ACT.

Communications and resources

- The Australasian ADHD Professionals Association (AADPA) in partnership with NSW Health has developed a [GP prescribing guide](#) available online at a subsidised cost.
- NSW Health is encouraging GPs to complete the requirements to become a continuation prescriber through several channels (emails, media events, through partners).
- ADHD reforms have been promoted across:
 - the NSW Health [webpages](#)
 - the NSW/ACT RACGP [webpages](#)
 - the Rural Doctors Network weekly newsletter
 - an [RACGP webinar](#).
- Development of a process of registering general practices with continuation prescribers with [healthdirect's service finder](#), is underway.
- NSW Health's communications plan will occur in a phased implementation of key messages, audience engagement, and channel activation. This approach allows flexibility to adapt to system capacity and readiness while maintaining clarity and consistency in promoting ADHD reforms to the community and GPs.

Notes

*General authority refers to the authorisation granted by the NSW Ministry of Health's Pharmaceutical Services Unit, as required under the *Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation 2008* (NSW).

[^]Practices in the greater Sydney area, excluding major regional centres (Wollongong and Newcastle).

Data is from NSW Health and SafeScript NSW. Prescribers who are flagged as continuation prescribers in SafeScript may have issued a Schedule 8 psychostimulant medicine through the individual patient approval pathway, including for conditions other than attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). This is likely to cause a small overestimation of the number of people issued a prescription by a GP continuation prescriber for ADHD. Psychostimulant medicines such as dexamfetamine may be used in the treatment of conditions other than ADHD, including sleep disorders.