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SECURE FUTURE FOR FAR NORTH HEALTH

Country Health SA (CHSA) has appointed a new provider of nursing services for the Andamooka and Marla communities.

Acting Chief Executive Officer of CHSA, Onno van der Wel, said clinic and emergency services will be provided by the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) under an agreement up to five years.

“The RFDS is an experienced health service provider to remote communities and we are looking forward to working with them in providing key services to the people of the Far North,” said Mr van der Wel.

“They already have a close relationship with the Far North, having provided services to Marree and emergency support to remote communities in the region for a number of years.

“This agreement secures a long term and sustainable nursing service model to ensure that quality services continue to be available for the local communities of Andamooka, Marla and Marree.”

Acting Chief Executive Officer of RFDS Central Operations, Tony Vaughan, said the RFDS will be providing Registered Nursing support, chronic disease management and after-hours emergency services across the three locations.

“We acknowledge the trust the SA Government places in the ability of the RFDS to deliver essential primary health care services to the highest standards to these rural and remote communities in partnership with SA Health,” Mr Vaughan said.

“We have been a long-term provider of primary health care services through our Marree Health Service to the Marree and Birdsville Track communities, and are delighted we will be able to expand our services to Andamooka and Marla.”

Mr Vaughan said the communities of Andamooka and Marla would also benefit from integration with RFDS practice management services based in Port Augusta which include 24 hours a day access to Telehealth services, GP ‘fly-in’ clinics and emergency aeromedical services.

The RFDS will also continue to provide support to SAAS and local volunteer ambulance crews.

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