

THE CEO of the new National Centre for Health Justice Partnerships has welcomed positive feedback from Bendigo Community Health Services staff for a pilot project which sees a lawyer based at the Kangaroo Flat site to help vulnerable clients.

Sydney-based Tessa Boyd-Caine visited Bendigo as part of a national tour to see how Health Justice Partnerships are meeting community need.

The Bendigo Health Justice Partnership sees Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre lawyer Jess McCartney working three days a week from the BCHS site in Helm Street, Kangaroo Flat.

The project has achieved excellent results with justice, health and wellbeing outcomes for BCHS clients.

BCHS children and family services staff have also found the availability of a lawyer to help answer client questions extremely beneficial and several outlined their positive experiences to Ms Boyd-Caine during a discussion in Kangaroo Flat today.

“It’s really great to hear from health professionals how much support they get from having a lawyer working on site and with them,” Tessa said.

“It’s also really great to hear how much better we’re meeting people’s needs by having that interaction of services.”

The CEO said the success of the Bendigo partnership was encouraging for the future.

“Social services, health services, legal services need to be able work to meet the needs of their communities. They need to be flexible, they need to be able to change and this health justice partnership is a really great example of that.”

What is the Health Justice Partnership?

To read a great feature on the pilot project between Bendigo Community Health Services and Health Justice Partnerships click [here](#)

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