

Ceduna welcomes new doctor

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Ceduna welcomes the appointment of Dr Hanan Hussain Al-Ali as the new General Practitioner for Ceduna District health Service.

Dr Hanan Hussain Al-Ali started seeing patients as a general practitioner on September 25 and she will start providing anaesthetic services by mid November.

Michele Smith, CEO, Mid West Health said the Dr Hanan Hussain Al-Ali's appointment means that the recently suspended obstetrics services at Ceduna and Mid West will be available again by mid November.

"Following the departure of Dr Tony Echezona in August, we had to suspend local obstetrics services for Ceduna District Health Service and Mid West Health Services because they can't be without an anaesthetist," said Ms Smith.

"Local elective surgical services at Ceduna and Mid West have been ongoing through the provision of locum anaesthetics services."

Mr Ray Matthews, CEO Ceduna District Health Service said that Dr Hanan Hussain Al-Ali's appointment was as a result of an intense recruitment process in conjunction with Country Health SA and Rural Doctors Workforce Agency.

"We are very excited to have a GP Anaesthetics on board once again and we are looking forward to the commencement of obstetrics services at Ceduna and Mid West Health Services," said Mr Matthews.