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# **HOME NURSING GIANT TO UPGRADE MOBILE COMPUTER PROGRAM**

Royal District Nursing Service (RDNS), Australia's largest provider of home nursing, is about to embark on a major refreshment program of their mobile computers.

With over 1,000 tablet computers currently in use by RDNS staff, the project represents another major step by the organisation to ensure that their mobile computer program remains at the leading edge.

RDNS' nurses make around 1.7 million visits to clients each year to provide nursing care.

Each nurse relies heavily on their tablet computer for transmission of appointment, clinical and client information and for access to other critical information, such as email, policies and procedures that guide clinical care, and other medical information such as MIMS.

Ian Cash, General Manager of Information Services, says that RDNS must remain at the forefront of technological advances in order to provide nurses with the best possible tools to do their job.

"Many of our nurses begin their day from home and finish their working day at home. They spend their day on the road providing care for up to 15 clients. Their mobile computer is the critical link between them and client/clinical information," Mr Cash says.

"It is our commitment to ensure that, as new technology comes into the market place, we equip our nurses with the tools that will enable them to do their job even better.

"The bottom line is that improved technology contributes to our clients receiving the best possible care we can provide – and that is RDNS' number one goal," he says.

The upgrade represents the fifth generation of mobile computer technology at RDNS, who first introduced mobile computers for nursing staff in the late 1990s, starting with the Apple Newton.

The Mobile Computer Device refresh program will begin with a Request for Tender to provide mobile computing hardware and integration services.

Mr Cash says that the successful tenderer will be required to equip the organisation with around 1,000 mobile computer devices, including tablet and notebook PCs. They will also be required to provide training of staff and ongoing maintenance services.

Last year RDNS delivered 1.72 million nursing visits to 33,000 clients. The organisation employs 1,400 staff and has sites throughout Greater Melbourne, as well as in Hobart and New Zealand.

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