



**HomeHospital**  
SILVER CHAIN



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Department of **Health**

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## **SILVER CHAIN HOME HOSPITAL OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED BY HEALTH MINISTER**

The Minister for Health, Dr Kim Hames, officially launched Silver Chain Home Hospital at special event held on Wednesday, 24 February 2010.

Home Hospital is the centre piece of the Liberal-National Government's \$84million Friend in Need Emergency (FINE) scheme.

Silver Chain Chief Executive Officer, Chris McGowan says Silver Chain is proud to be working in partnership with the Western Australian Government to bring the next generation of health care into the homes of Perth residents.

"Silver Chain Home Hospital comprises the community based non-inpatient acute and complex component of the Friend in Need – Emergency (FINE) scheme, a Government of Western Australia initiative," Mr McGowan said.

"The FINE scheme aims to deliver care and support to people in need by enhancing the capacity of the community care sector to provide care for patients in their own home. Silver Chain **Home Hospital** provides hospital level care enabling patients to remain in their own home, rather than present to an emergency department or be admitted into hospital.

"Silver Chain Home Hospital offers a new Priority Response Assessment (PRA) service for patients who not require an emergency response but require an advanced clinical assessment.

"Our priority response nurse practitioners will provide an assessment and on the spot care within four hours.

"This allows many patients, especially those in residential care facilities, to be managed in their home rather than being transferred to an emergency department for care," Mr McGowan said.

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Dr Hames said that the launch of the Home Hospital service was an important milestone for the FINE scheme, and in the partnership between Silver Chain and the State Government.

“Silver Chain is one of the largest providers of community, clinical and health care services in Australia.

“I am very pleased that Silver Chain is now a key partner with the Government in delivering enhanced, innovative in-home care through the FINE scheme and Home Hospital,” said Dr Hames.

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