



Spreading wings of care



Mental Health and Disability Services executive manager, Fran Tilley.

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VICTORIA Park not-for-profit organisation UnitingCare West will be able to offer a new service to helpers and mentors of people with severe mental illness after being awarded a Federal Government contract.

The Personal Helpers and Mentors Program will help people manage their daily activities and access services in Clarkson, Joondalup and Scarborough.

The funding contract will run for two years and, once established, the services will support up to 150 people living in the three areas.

The Clarkson and Joondalup teams will be based in the new UnitingCare West Merriwa service centre, significantly boosting the range of services available to the local community. Appropriate accommodation will be sourced for the Scarborough team.

“The program is consistent with UnitingCare West’s Strategic direction in the provision of services to a marginalised and poorly-serviced population,” Mental Health and Disability Services executive manager Fran Tilley said.

The program will help provide employment opportunities for people to support people with mental illness.